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Evening childcare tentative

Alternative program passed but needs 21 children enrolled

JOSH LEON
State Hornet

The Children's Center will remain open until 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, if it can get at least 21 students to use the program, according to an Associated Students, Inc., budget amendment passed last Wednesday.

The evening program was not included in the original draft of the ASI budget proposal, in spite of an increase in the overall budget of the Center. Carol Ackerson, executive director of ASI, attributed this to the increasing cost of staffing for the program, due to rising minimum wage.

The amendment, devised by the Parental Advisory Council, would extend the program from its current hours of 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Fees for the program will be $12 per evening session for children of students and

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Earth Day sows seeds of ecology

Sacramento Mayor speaks to thousands at festival Sunday

BRIAN MCCALEB
State Hornet

Thousands of people, young and old, packed the main quad Sunday to celebrate Mother Earth, and she rained sunlight back down on them on a perfect spring day.

The third annual Earth Day festival, held at Sacramento State, drew an immense crowd of people who wanted to honor the earth and learn ways to keep it pristine.

"We want people to understand the importance of Earth Day," said Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo. Fargo delivered a short speech in which she asked the people to accept more personal responsibility to ensure a high quality of living environmentally.

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Sac State CFA members march from the Library Quad to Sacramento Hall on Weds.

Faculty shows Gerth

JOSH LEON
State Hornet

Dozens of faculty demonstrators entered the office of President Donald Gerth with a memorandum, asking him to deliver their concerns to the California State University for the salary contract negotiations.

The march is part of a statewide action organized by the California Faculty Association that took place on 22 CSU campuses last week.

The CFA and the CSU have been locked in a debate over the next salary contract, which will set the salaries and working conditions of faculty in the CSU system. Negotiations officially began on April 12. The CFA has threatened a work stoppage in the Fall 2001 semester if an agreement has not been reached.

"We asked President Gerth to take a letter to Chancellor Reed and the trustees expressing the grave concerns of the CSU faculty," said Jeff Lustig, president of the Sacramento State CFA chapter.

The memorandum given to Gerth addresses CFA concerns that include the hiring of more tenured faculty. According to CFA numbers, the CSU has seen a net gain of 1,462 lecturers, compared with one tenured professor in that time. The memorandum also addresses a 7.9 percent lag in CSU salaries that was found in a comparison with other institutions. Other concerns included faculty workload and pay for lecturers and part-time

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ON THE DEFENSE

ANDREW N. DUONG
State Hornet

A female student was assaulted in front of Lassen Hall early Wednesday afternoon, fending off her assailant while other students watched. This was not another Police Log act of crime, but an actual free demonstration put on by Tau Kappa Epsilon and the Women's Resource Center to educate females in self-defense.

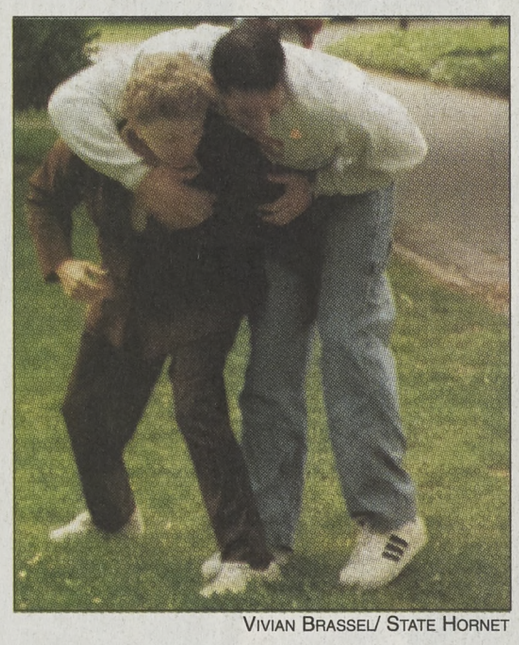
"One in five college females will be assaulted by the time they get their bachelor's degree," said Jessica Higgins, director of the Women's Resource Center.

Higgins told the crowd of 30 that there is assistance and counseling available to students and staff if they

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Left: Self-defense instructor Midge Marino is held at knife point by Mike Plesha, volunteer.

Bottom: Mike Plesha is hit in the groin.



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Chris Miller, professor, parent and chair of the Parent Advisory Committee, addresses Associated Students, Inc., during its Wednesday meeting.

ASI approves budget

NOAH DYE
State Hornet

Associated Students, Inc., unanimously approved the 2001-2002 budget at its April 18 board meeting.

After a brief discussion about the budget, ASI President Jason Bryant moved to include the Evening Child Care Proposal in the budget that had been brought to the board by Chris Miller, chair of the Parent Advisory Committee.

Miller said the "bold" and "innovative" proposal "preserves the access to education."

ASI Executive Director Carol Ackerson spoke on behalf of the proposal.

"This proposal establishes an evening program. The day program goes until 6 p.m. and the evening program will start at 6 p.m.," Ackerson said.

Although Ackerson recommended this model to the board, she also stated that "there is some risk in implementing this model."

The program must be 75 percent full to be successful, according to Ackerson. That means that 21 children will need to be enrolled in each evening session for this program to work. Another condition for this model to work is that all staff positions be filled.

"We feel that we have done our best to come up with a model that can work," Ackerson said.

Bryant explained to the board that this proposal would not affect the bottom line of the budget.

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BUZZ ON...

Who would you like to see elected as ASI president?

Hans Weichhart 35%

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Artemio Pimentel 32%

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POLICE LOG

compiled by
Layla Bohm

Sunday, April 22

WELFARE CHECK
7:36 a.m. Draper Hall; A white male adult was incoherent and very intoxicated. He was checked by medical personnel and sent to his room to sleep it off.

Saturday, April 21

ARREST
11:26 p.m. 3400 Business Drive; Gary Martin Lopez, 36, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Friday, April 20

HIT AND RUN
11:41 a.m. Parking Structure; The rear passenger side of a silver 1998 Honda Civic was hit while the car was parked.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
1:17 p.m. Residence Hall Parking; A Plymouth Colt and a Dodge Neon were involved in an accident.

Thursday, April 19

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT
3:16 a.m. Riverside Hall; A male subject was watching women walk out of the computer lab. He was described as 25 years old, 6' tall, weighing 225 pounds and was wearing a black cap and an Army jacket. The subject was gone when officers arrived.

AUTO BURGLARY
7:39 a.m. Parking Structure; Reprographics vehicles were broken into and computer printer cartridges were destroyed, leaving black powder all over the garage. Officers on the scene said there was no auto burglary or vandalism and that Facilities Management would clean up the toner.

ARREST
10:46 a.m. State University Drive; A juvenile was taken into custody for auto burglary and possession of stolen property.

PETTY THEFT
11:03 a.m. University Union; A cellular phone was stolen.

HIT AND RUN
11:48 a.m. Parking Structure; A brown Honda Accord was hit and the possible suspect was still on the scene. The owner of the Accord arrived and the parties exchanged information.

AUTO BURGLARY
12:08 p.m. Lot 8; A vehicle was broken into and the stereo was taken on April 18.

AUTO BURGLARY
2:59 p.m. Lot 8; A stereo was taken from a black Dodge Neon.

ARREST
3:04 p.m. Off-campus Location; John Ly, 20, was arrested for receiving stolen property in connection with a previous arrest.

AUTO BURGLARY
5:57 p.m. Lot 8; A stereo was stolen from a white 1990 Acura Integra.

AUTO BURGLARY
6:23 p.m. Overflow Parking; A bag and briefcase were taken from a green 1995 Dodge Avenger April 16 between 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECTS
7:35 p.m. Residence Hall Parking; The reporting party stated that four people were sitting in an older, gold Mustang and might be smoking "pot." The vehicle was located, but the occupants were gone when officers arrived.

Wednesday, April 18

TRESPASSING
8:47 a.m. Draper Hall; A nonresident had been standing outside a dorm room since 2 a.m. The subject was contacted, identified and given a 626.6 advisement to leave campus.

HIT AND RUN
11:02 a.m. Lot 8; A parked green Honda Civic was hit.

AUTO BURGLARY
3:25 p.m. Lot 8; A Sony CD player and CDs were taken between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

AUTO BURGLARY
3:44 p.m. Lot 7; A CD player and CDs were stolen from a 1996 tan Honda Accord.

INCIDENT
3:46 p.m. State University Drive; An electronic sign was barely hanging and was ready to fall. Facilities Management was dispatched to correct the problem.

BURGLARY
4:29 p.m. Solano Hall; Items were taken from an equipment room.

AUTO BURGLARY
6:50 p.m. Lot 8; A red 1995 Honda Civic was entered through the passenger door and a CD player and CDs were taken between 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT
9:27 a.m. Public Services Building; The reporting party said someone had been following her. The suspect was described as a white male in his late 40s with dark, curly, gray hair. He was wearing a tan baseball cap, a gray T-shirt and tan pants and always wears black shoes with paint on them.

AUTO BURGLARY
12:14 p.m. Lot 8; A stereo was stolen from a vehicle between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

PETTY THEFT
12:22 p.m. Solano Hall; A wallet left in a classroom was turned into the lost and found, but $40 was missing.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
2:41 p.m. Esplanade; A minor accident happened and the parties exchanged information.

AUTO BURGLARY
3:17 p.m. Lot 8; An unknown subject broke into the victim's vehicle and stole her AM/FM stereo.

PETTY THEFT
4:11 p.m. University Union; A book was stolen.

AUTO BURGLARY
8:25 p.m. Lot 4; An unknown subject broke into a vehicle and stole a parking decal and a chemistry book between 1 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

AUTO BURGLARY
8:57 p.m. Lot 8; An unknown subject stole an AM/FM stereo.

Monday, April 16

WARRANT ARREST
2 a.m. 14th Avenue; Brian Wayne Halcomb, 35, was arrested for misdemeanor warrants.

DISTURBANCE
1:31 p.m. University Union; Two Indian females were arguing in front of Java City and were causing a disturbance, and then took the arguing outside. The subjects were contacted and the argument was mediated.

AUTO BURGLARY
2:18 p.m. Lot 10; A window was smashed on a green Dodge Avenger. The stereo was still in the vehicle, and the time of the occurrence was unknown.

Student and juvenile arrested for string of auto burglaries

LAYLA BOHM
State Hornet

A Sacramento State student and a juvenile were arrested Thursday in connection with nearly a dozen auto burglaries in the parking lots behind the Library last week.

A male juvenile, whose name was not released because of his age, was arrested and taken into custody Thursday morning for auto burglary and possession of stolen property.

Officers searched his car and found one stolen stereo and a CD case, said John Hamrick, public information officer for Campus Police. They connected the suspect to six auto burglaries, and gathered enough information to make a second arrest.

"Our officers then arrested a 19-year-old adult who gave us two stolen stereos that were taken in a previous burglary," Hamrick said.

John Ly, who was arrested Thursday afternoon, is a transfer student to Sac State, according to Student Affairs.

The two suspects were not connected to those arrested for burglarizing cars in the Residence Hall Parking Lot earlier this semester, Hamrick said.

New editor in chief chosen

HORNET STAFF

Layla Bohm, a communication studies major and the current assistant news editor of *The State Hornet*, was selected Friday to be the next editor in chief of the *Hornet*.

Bohm will take over as editor in chief June 1.

The new editor was chosen by the State Hornet Publications Board, which interviewed eight candidates for the position. The Publications Board includes five students, two faculty members and two members of the university administration and acts as the publisher of the newspaper.


Layla Bohm
New editor in chief of Hornet

"We probably had the most qualified field of candidates I've seen as faculty adviser," said Prof. Michael J. Fitzgerald, Hornet Adviser. "But the board agreed that Ms. Bohm had the best qualifications and should do an excellent job as the

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New bill would force sex offenders to register with police at universities

SUSAN HAYDEN
State Hornet

An Assembly bill that will require sex offenders to register with campus police before coming to campus is expected to be passed into law by the California Legislature.

Assembly Bill 4 states that sex offenders who are students, employees, volunteers or anyone who will be on campus for an extended period of time must register with campus police.

Russell Lowery, spokesperson for Assemblywoman Patricia C. Bates, the author of the bill, said that this law is designed to complement current law by allowing universities to keep track of sex offenders on campus.

"This bill is designed to fill in the loophole that exists with current law," Lowery said. "As it stands now, all convicted sex offenders are required by law to register as sex offenders with local police in the county of their primary residence."

According to Lowery, the bill is designed to take care of that loophole by requiring that convicted sex offenders notify campus police directly

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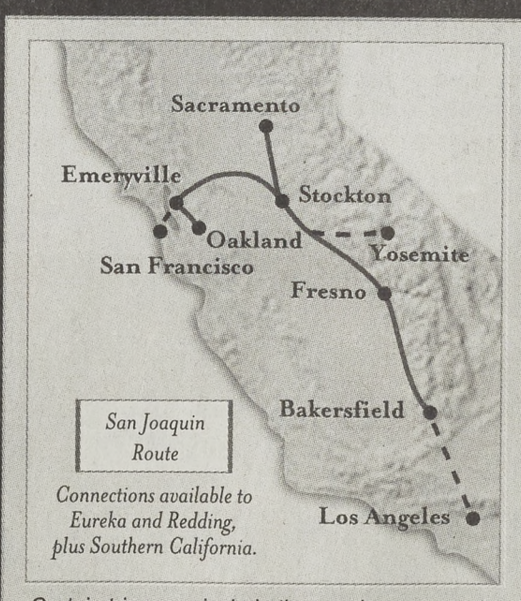
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Future of community garden still uncertain

LANTZ S. BURVANT
State Hornet

Approximately 45 community garden members and the children from the Children's Center that partake in the Harvest and Spring Planting Festivals at the community garden each year are running out of time with no answers in sight on the fate of the garden.

Almost a year after Associate Students, Inc., unanimously approved its new budget, all but killing off efforts to keep the community garden open, there is still no decision from Student Affairs, Facilities Planning, Administration and Business Affairs or the university on what will happen to the garden property.

Shirley Uplinger, vice president for Student Affairs, said she believed that the property was going to house a new continuing education building and possibly a radio station.

"It's not up to my discretion," Uplinger added.

Facilities Planning Manager Ron Richardson said there is nothing in the master plan for the garden property at this point, unless upper management has plans for it.

Richardson did confirm future construction in that area, but said the garden property would not be affected at this point.

Edward Del Biaggio, vice president for Administration and Business Affairs, was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Carol Ackerson, executive director of ASI, said that as soon as the university makes the decision, she would notify the community garden members.

"I think the university will make a decision before the end of the semester," Ackerson said.

Rene Hamlin, former director of the community garden, is spearheading the drive to keep the Sacramento State community garden open and has recently been talking about letting the Environmental Studies Department take over the gardens.

"I don't understand what the university is doing. I'm very confused," Hamlin said.

Vice President and Chief of Staff Elizabeth Moulds said there are no plans for the land at the moment, and no proposals have been made.

The university would have to determine what the best purpose for the property is, according to Moulds.

The face of the campus is changing, and the university needs to consider that in conjunction with the University Mission Statement and Goals, Moulds said.

According to the mission statement and goals of California State University, the university is to preserve, communicate and advance knowledge; cultivate wisdom; encourage creativity; promote the value of humankind; and improve the quality of life for its graduates and the people of the region.

"The garden shows that the university works with the campus and community," Hamlin said. "Why can't we have an agreement to work the land until the university decides what to do with it."

Moulds did not think it would be a good idea to allow the garden members to work the land until the university decided what to do with it.

"There would be a problem legally. If someone gets injured on the property, we are responsible," Moulds said.

Members of the garden are frustrated, but have been positive through the ordeal, according to Hamlin.

"I'm sad," Hamlin said.

In the early '70s, the Environmental Studies Department ran the small garden area, but in 1975 Sacramento State students approached ASI, requesting money and permission to run the garden.

Hamlin said she had been speaking with geography professor Thomas and working on a plan to have environmental studies take over the property, but just learned that the university is not allowing the garden to continue after this semester.

"It would be an excellent relationship," Hamlin said. "[The gardens are] a special place."

Environmental studies would have been willing to help the garden, considering the historical value between the gardens and the department, Krabacher said.

However, Moulds did not rule out the possibility of environmental studies and the gardens taking over the land.

A banner reading, "Please help save our Community Garden" was placed at the entrance to the gardens near the Folsom Blvd. entrance by garden members in order to heighten the awareness of its possible closure.

However, the banner has done little to stir student participation. Support has come from community members, but getting more students involved in the fight is difficult, Hamlin said.



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JUDO: Students educated on what to do if they or someone else is attacked or assaulted

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are ever assaulted or attacked. Higgins explained the process of assisting victims by helping them talk to the proper authorities if they have been assaulted.

Although she can help guide the victim through the entire ordeal, Higgins said she cannot testify in court on the victim's behalf.

With 30 years of the ancient art of Judo underneath her black belt, self-defense instructor Midge Marino explained to the crowd that there is much more to self-defense than hitting.

"Women act more out of fear than anything else," Marino said.

Marino selected a large male volunteer from the crowd and told him to grab her neck. As soon as he followed her instructions, Marino was already out of his grasp and throwing pulled punches to his throat and mimicked eye gouges while making Three Stooges sound effects for comedic effect.

Throughout the demonstration, Marino had volunteers set up mock scenarios on how to handle different situations and different escape methods. Some scenarios contained guns and knives, which proved humorous when Wiggins tore a fake 9 mm gun from the hands of a volunteer while keeping his finger stuck in an inverted position. If the scenario was real, it could possibly create a substantial hyperextension, or even a fracture.

When Marino asked the crowd, "What would you do if you were attacked?"

Sac State student Rachel Baletreri replied, "I don't know."

"What would you do if someone attacked one of your loved ones?" Wiggins asked.

"I'd kill'em," Baletreri said.

BUDGET: After some confusion by board members, the budget passed

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After confusion among some members of the board on what was exactly going on, the 2001-2002 budget was voted on and passed.

The $7.2 million budget passed without much hesitation from members of the board. ASI is expecting a $405,000 surplus now that the budget has passed. The main source of this income will be from student fees, at $5.1 million. Other sources of income include program fees and grants.

Paul Ueckert seemed excited and happy with the outcome. He proceeded to thank the board and everyone involved in the budget process while giving his executive officer's report.

"Thank you, one more meeting and we're done," Ueckert said.

This budget will now go into effect on July 1, 2001 and will end on June 30, 2002.

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ALTERNATIVE: New model is self-sufficient on the basis of enrollment

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$13.25 for faculty and staff parents.

To keep costs down, the evening program will no longer take infants under "2.6 years of age." The minimum age requirement of six months for the Center's daytime hours will not change.

"I do feel it does provide quality care," said Pat Worely, associate director and former director of the Center.

Staffing for the program is underwritten by child fees and will not affect the overall student fee allocation of the Children's Center or ASI as a whole, according to Worely. To be able to pay for the program, the Center needs 75 percent enrollment, or 21 of the maximum capacity of 28, Worely said. It currently serves about 40 children per week after 6 p.m., according to Teri Mahan, director of the Center. However, some of these children will not meet the age requirement for the new program, said Chris Miller, chair of the Parental Advisory Council. Publicity is imperative in order to attract enough users to keep the program by fall, Miller said.

If the program falls below the minimum user requirement midway through the year, it will not be shut down, Miller said.

The Children's Center is looking for an Evening Program Coordinator for next year, which is a year-long post.

"Historically, it has been difficult to hire an evening coordinator," Worely said. "If we don't have the staff to run it, we're going to be pretty hard pressed to run the service."

Donna Dexter, a parent who uses the program and is one of its vocal advocates, is cautiously optimistic.

"I feel pretty good that they at least came up with something," Dexter said.

However, she expressed concern about the new location of the evening program in the expansion building classrooms on the Children's Center grounds.

"It's just not as secure," Dexter said, citing the lack of a front office in the building to screen visitors.

The expansion building has see-through doors which can be locked, Mahan said. Additional security measures will be developed over the summer, she added.

The move will help cut down on staffing costs, according to Miller.

The new location will also cut down on utility expenses, which will be part of the overall Children's Center budget, Miller said.

"I think the use of facilities is innovative," Miller said.

Dexter was also concerned for the parents whose children do not meet the new minimum age requirement. Infants and toddlers require more staff than older children, Miller said. The children's activities that can be done in the smaller space of the expansion buildings are more appropriate for older children, she added.

The PAC has been working on the project all year, which is the result of research that included surveying parents who used the program, and data gathering, Miller said. The PAC was directed by ASI to come up with a model for the evening program that could pay for its staffing, Miller said.

"I would compliment ASI for its commitment to the Children's Center," Miller said.

Miller is optimistic that the program will be able to meet its minimum user requirement of 21, but said that it is the students who will ultimately decide if there is a need for the program.

"Use it or lose it," Miller said.

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MARCH: Gerth refused to comment on CFA's concerns

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faculty. The lecturers are underpaid, under-protected and vulnerable, Lustig said.

"I have no comment on their concerns," Gerth said.

It is not proper to comment while negotiations are underway, he said.

Gerth said that he will not take the letter to the CSU administration in Long Beach. Instead, he is sending a personal letter to Lustig. Gerth did not disclose its contents.

"The voice of the faculty is the Faculty Senate," Gerth said. "The voice of the union is the people there in the union."

"Nobody believes how arrogant the other side is until they sit in the same room and watch them."
Jeff Lustig
President of Sac State CFA Chapter

There is a distinction between these two entities, he said.

Gerth said he was not angered by the demonstration in his office, and is willing to hear their complaints.

Lustig estimated 100 demonstrators, consisting of faculty and some students, at the peak of the march. The March began in the Library Quad and ended in Gerth's office in Sacramento Hall.

"The turnout shows that faculty are very concerned about this contract and what it means for the future of their teaching," Lustig said.

The negotiations have not gone far beyond discussing the ground rules, he said. Both sides have agreed to hold negotiations at several CSU campuses.

"Nobody believes how arrogant the other side is until they sit in the same room and watch them," Lustig said.

Recently, the CFA passed a resolution allowing for a work stoppage in the Fall 2001 semester, should the CFA choose this course of action, according to Lustig. The resolution has only been passed within the CFA and is not affiliated with the CSU itself. Talks of a work stoppage have been chalked up as typical public posturing in a time of negotiation by Sam Strafaci, chief negotiator for the CSU. The CSU has said in previous interviews that the contract in place prohibits strikes. The principle source of a job action has been allegations in The State Hornet, Gerth said.

"We hope [work stoppages] won't be necessary," Lustig said. "If they are [necessary], the turnout shows that there is a lot of support on this campus."

Demonstrator Cecil Canton, chair of the Criminal Justice Department, identifies with the concerns of the union.

As a department chair, Canton said that he is having problems attracting and retaining new faculty. He attributes lower than average salaries and rising cost of living expenses as a major part of the problem.

"We are not going to be able to attract the kind of faculty that we want," Canton said.

Canton also mentioned faculty involvement in university decision-making as a key issue in negotiations.

"The administration's responsibility is to encourage and enable learning in the institution," Canton said.

This will ultimately hurt the students, Canton said.

"I think that most of the rest of us as faculty members are concerned about the same issues," Canton said.

Canton said that he would join his colleagues if job action occurred.

BILL: Would force registered sex offenders to notify campus police, regardless of their county of residence

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of their presence on campus.

"(If) a student lives in Yolo County or anywhere in the state, but they decide to go to school in Sacramento, the college has no way of knowing that they are a convicted sex offender," Lowery said.

Sac State will not be required to screen its students for sex offenders. If convicted sex offenders fail to register with Campus Police, it will be a felony, Lowery said.

Lowery said the bill has bipartisan support and is expected to become law and take effect on January 2002.

According to Ann Reed, spokesperson for the Sac State Public Affairs office, the university's official position on AB4 is that it is in favor of the bill.

"We are currently watching the bill as it moves through the legislature and are backing the bill. We will work with law enforcement agencies, as we do with all sex offense laws, to ensure the implementation of AB4," Reed said.

Sac State students also appear to be in favor of the bill.

"I believe it is a good thing for sex offenders to notify the school in order to work here or go to school here. As a woman on campus, I would feel safer," said Sac State student Jennifer Vance.

According to Jennifer Boyer, another student, the bill is a precautionary measure to protect the students.

"Anybody that has committed a sex crime, against a man or a woman, should be made known," Boyer said.

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Women faculty discuss discrimination, salary gap and promotion issues

GREG KANE
State Hornet

In an effort to organize and unite Sacramento State's women faculty members, a small group of female instructors discussed discrimination, salary gap and promotion issues at a meeting April 19.

The focus of the meeting was to develop a group of Sac State's women instructors, possibly modeled after the California Faculty Association, which would give them more leverage in dealing with the various gender discrimination issues on campus. The group would help to strengthen the bond between female instructors, something men on campus have had for years, said Linda Current, a teacher education lecturer.

"For so many years, Sac State was an all-boys club, and they helped each other out," Current said. "If we had the same thing, it would help."

Among the issues discussed at the meeting were the difficulties faculty members—women in particular—face in gaining tenure, the salary differences between men and women and the difficulties Faculty Merit Increases will present to working mothers who don't have the time to conduct research for bonuses. Teacher education lecturer Judy Judd said the FMI hurt instructors who don't have time for research projects but get positive feedback from students.

"When [students] ask questions, I can give them some real-life explanations," Judd said. "But my colleagues don't value that because I'm not doing some esoteric research."

Women have also had a hard time getting tenure positions, particularly since the trend the past few years has been to hire more lecturers, said geography lecturer Robin Datel. A study by the California State University Personnel Information Management System Database found that, from 1994-95 to 1999-00, CSU enrollment increased by more than 35,000 full-time students, but only had a net increase of one tenure faculty member during the same period.

"It just fundamentally needs to be rethought, or women are going to keep losing," Datel said.

Judd said she was once passed over for a tenure position, which was then offered to a man who turned it down. Instead of offering the position to her afterwards, however, the administration decided not to give the position to anyone.

Age is also a concern when administrators are choosing instructors for tenure, Judd said. She pointed to an incident where a colleague was up for a tenure position, but was passed over because she was older.

"They said she'd only be there for 15 years," Judd said.

This isn't always the case for male faculty, said lecturer Maria Alexandrino. She said one time her department hired an older man to a tenure position. "But for us, the criteria shift. They want younger people."

The group plans to compile information on promotions and salary in the coming months, and then design meetings for the fall. The ideal plan would be to talk to women in the College of Education and create a caucus from each college, Alexandrino said.

"If we start at the beginning of next semester, we could, in a month and a half, have one meeting a week," Alexandrino said.

Coming from a background as an elementary school teacher, Judd said she was shocked to discover Sac State didn't even have a faculty association until the '70s. She said that groups like these hold much power at elementary education levels, and college faculty needs to step up to that level.

"When I compare an elementary [level] faculty to a college faculty, we are damn wimpy," Judd said.

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EARTH DAY: Mayor tells crowd to keep in mind what they can do to help deal with the statewide energy crisis

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One of Fargo's examples was for those living within city limits to take on "a little more than their fair share" of the cost of rising energy and water premiums. This will ease the strain on farmers who will not be able to pay the higher premiums on their land.

While it may be inconvenient for those living in the city to shoulder the burden, they can more easily afford it since they are not paying bills for hundreds of acres of land.

"We all have to keep in mind what we can do as individuals," Fargo said.

The speech was also an opportunity for Fargo to announce the opening of Granite Regional Park.

Granite Regional Park is a rebuilding project that took an abandoned granite quarry at Power Inn Road and Folsom Boulevard and turned it into a park.

City council member Steve Cohn, who was also involved in the project, said that another such park will open later this year. That project will be called Sutter Landing Park and is being built over a landfill in the downtown area.

The diversely aged crowd broke out in applause at the announcement of the parks, and Cohn took the opportunity to comment on the range of ages in attendance.

"I think I've seen everything from newborn to 90," said Cohn, reflecting on the four generations being represented at the festival.

Blankets and lawn chairs covered the grass as people either grooved to the music onstage or shuffled between the many booths outlining the area.

Vendors including Steve's Pizza, Leatherby's Ice Cream, Jamba Juice and X O Chimilco Mexican Restaurant held people's hunger in check while bands such as Mumbo Gumbo and Driving with Fargas kept the music playing.

Booths and activities were set up to inform attendees about various topics. Among the agencies represented were California Wilderness Coalition, SMUD, who had an electric car on display, Sacramento Tree Foundation, Regional Transit, Heartwood Drums of Davis, the Norcal Environmental Students Network and Organic Farmers.

This year's event also had several activities aimed at children. A wildlife education stage was set up for the UC Davis Raptor Center to display various birds of prey. There were activity booths where children could make sock puppets or pictures using plant parts as the materials.

Other children's activities included a climbing tree, and the California Department of Conservation brought an educational arcade with boards and wheels that taught lessons about recycling and conservation.



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Mumbo Gumbo was one of the bands that provided music for the Earth Day festivities in the main quad Sunday.

Dena Allen, who brought her two young children from Placerville, was happy to see that her kids had things just for them to do. Allen said she brought her children to the festival so they could begin to learn to take care of their environment.

"We wanted to teach our kids to respect the home and respect what is around them and that it all starts with respect for the earth. It's good to see how many families brought their kids," Allen said.

Allen's friend, Trisha Taylor, also brought her daughter and said that she liked having the kids' activities, but would like to see more physical and motor-skill involved games in the future.

There was, however, one particular attraction Taylor was anxious to see.

"We are going to start a garden at home so I really want to get over to the farmer's market. That is going to be a big plus," she said.

EDITOR: The Hornet is currently accepting applications for Fall 2001 semester

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Hornet Editor in Chief."

Current Editor in Chief Nadine Simonson sits on the Publications Board and was part of the decision.

"Layla's [Bohm] a great candidate for the position," Simonson said. "She has the determination and the tenacity to get the job done well."

Bohm's first priority is to recruit staff members.

"Some of our staff members are graduating, so my first job is to go through the recruitment process to hire new editors for the fall semester," Bohm said. "We also have openings for a variety of positions, especially those who can offer technical Macintosh support to our staff."

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How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period; **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding; and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)	-	3
Combined	0.1	-
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1-9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. Obstet Gynecol. 1990;76:558-567.

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- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
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What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:
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- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

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What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
1.Irregular Menstrual Bleeding
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.
2.Bone Mineral Changes
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.
3.Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.
4.Unexpected Pregnancy
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.
5.Allergic Reactions
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.
6.Other Risks
Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:
- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.
2.Other Side Effects
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: Irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolus, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
1.Missed Periods
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.
2.Laboratory Test Interactions
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.
3.Drug Interactions
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4.Nursing Mothers
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How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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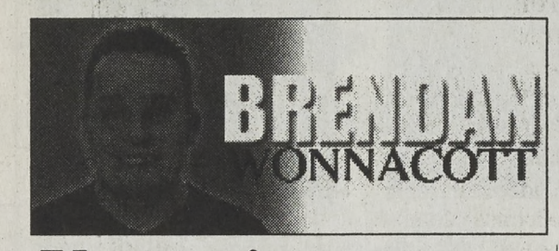


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OPINION

Quote of the week
"Going around and asking for money is not a reasonable way in devising a budget."
Jason Bryant, ASI President



Upcoming year in ASI promises to be exciting

With the soap opera that has been the ASI election coming to a close, it's now time for all of us to step back and reflect on what all this has meant to us. Well, for me it's been very interesting, but for most students it has meant nothing. Why? They don't take the time to vote, they don't take the time to care, and they barely take the time to go to classes.

Even though most of you don't care—and only 8 percent of you will take the time to vote (if we are lucky)—these elections will still end up to be highly successful for everyone involved. There really isn't any point to beat the "go out and vote" drum, as most people who read this newspaper would be inclined to vote anyway. It's the students who go from class to class and then their car that won't vote.

For those of us who care, all students should be excited about the prospects for a new set of ASI politicos taking office. There is nothing better than fresh faces and new ideas in our representatives. Hopefully, the best candidates that each group has to offer will gain a spot in the student government.

Regardless of how the elections turn out, the make-up and direction of ASI is sure to change. Here's a glance at what each slate may have in store if they were to be elected.

Vision: If elected, look for more attention to be paid to minority outreach programs and ethnic student retention programs, which is certainly something that needs to be done. Also, look for a renewed focus on bringing students into the many processes of ASI and increasing participation.

Support US: If elected, this slate would provide the most drastic change in the make-up of ASI Leadership. Their presidential candidate, Hans Weichhart, is a theatre arts major (as opposed to government like most other candidates). Additionally, this slate has come up with a variety of ideas for change on campus—all designed to make campus life better.

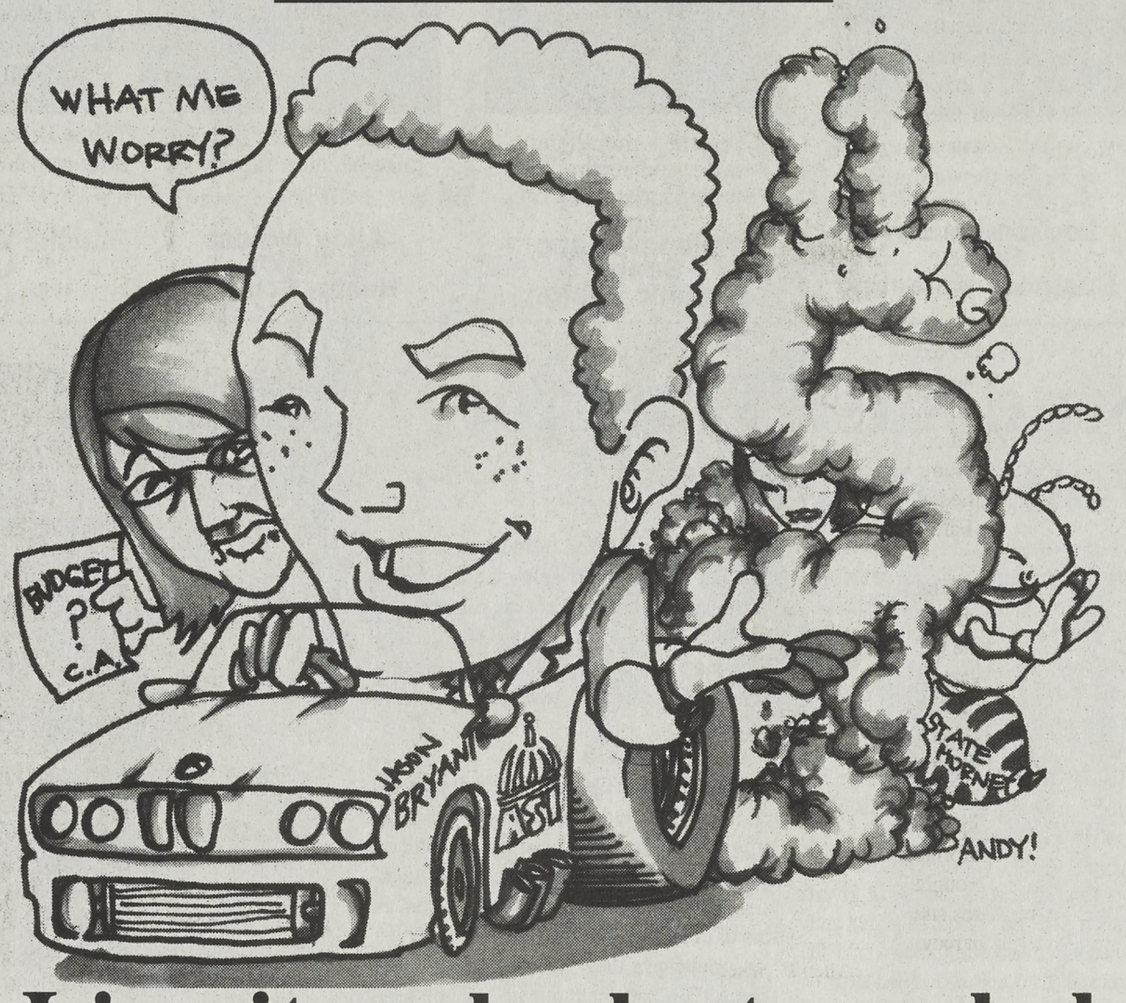
Students First: The late coming but highly organized slate based on realistic goals and solutions would certainly bring a broad range of experience and ideas to the ASI board. Look for programs to increase student participation and quick solutions to many campus problems if this slate is elected.

Either way, it looks as though ASI will be in good hands for the next year or two. Let's just hope that they will keep the promises that they have made thus far and bring more students into the process.

Now that's something that would improve campus life.

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The Hornet s Opinion



Line item budget needed

Last Wednesday, the ASI board approved a budget that includes a $61,496 increase for Student Leadership, the largest increase of all ASI programs. With the increase, Student Leadership will be ASI's largest user of student fees at $368,326. But what the student body isn't aware of is exactly how that money is being spent.

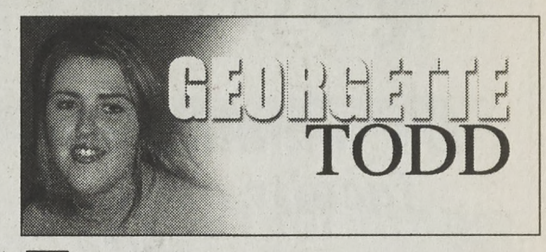
Executive Director Carol Ackerson, who devised the budget, attributed the large increase to new items in the Leadership program that have come over from other programs.

Much of these new costs come from events that operate in conjunction with other programs, that will now be fully paid for by Leadership. ASI President Jason Bryant has said that this will help ASI keep track of the funds because cost for these events will not have to be divided up by several programs.

Another large part of the increase is the $18,932 increase in Leadership staffing costs. This number could go down if there are vacancies of board positions, or if fewer board members work over the summer. This also takes into account the rise in minimum wage for staff workers. Board members will not be given pay increases for next year.

This breakdown of how the monies that are budgeted for ASI Leadership is spent is not currently available from the budget that ASI submits to the public. Janet Rice, ASI director of Finance and Administration, has even gone so far as to tell the *Hornet* that the inline budgets are not public information. And several members of the ASI Finance and Budget Committee have said that they did not even have access to them.

The budget that ASI submits to *The State Hornet* and the student population is a simple three-page document. For an organization that handles nearly $7,000,000 in student fees, the idea that the budget would fit into three pages is ludicrous. We would like to see ASI submit a line item budget that shows how every last dollar is spent. The students have the right to know where and how their money is spent. ASI needs to give this information out to the students.



Everyone wants to be on top

"Don't go chasing waterfalls, please stick to the rivers and lakes that you're used to"— 1990's pop singing sensation TLC.

It was easy for TLC to tell their legions of fans that they should be more realistic with their goals. TLC was a success story, so successful in fact that the message needn't apply to them—those lucky stars.

As of right now, young people have more opportunities to succeed than ever before. In our dot.com era, we have more young entrepreneurs out there in the world not only making money, but they're also making a difference. The media, such as Oprah and local news stations, have a fondness for covering such stories. Their goal is to report positive anecdotes so they make people feel good, which makes sense considering the likes of the Columbine and Santee shootings. However, there is one side effect to the bombardment of such inspirational stories: They can leave the impressionable recipient of good news with a feeling of inadequacy. And that feeling of not being successful is currently motivating many students into work overload.

It's not unusual to find many students on campus, which on top of going to school full time, they also have to work and are part of organizations off campus. If you walk up to any random student and ask them what their schedule is like, you'd probably end up with a head-spinning relation and feel a sense of hopelessness.

Will it ever end?

In this day and age, where what car one drives, house they live in and who they date seemingly define one's status in life, it's hard for many people to grasp a true sense of confidence and acceptance. "If I just lost a few more pounds, if only I get this job, then I'll be successful." This way of thinking has surely crossed all of our minds, but are those kinds of thoughts really helpful?

It doesn't help that every day we're all confronted by messages that are created by demonic ad wizards telling us that consumers are not pretty, rich or cool enough unless they own (product). But more importantly, it's our sphere of influence, friends and family that really could explain the reason why we students place so much pressure on ourselves.

The act of altering your personal definition of success is not a sign of weakness, oh contraire, it's a sign of maturity because you're acknowledging your limits and you're willing to accept it.

Humans are not robots that are programmed to work all day. It's the risks we take and dreams we make that show others what we're made of. Students should continue to go after their dreams and goals, however, they should try not to kill themselves with self-depreciation and too many responsibilities in the process.

Besides, you sleep-deprived, Java junkies are always stressed out, so what good are you anyway?

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Letters to the Editor

Vote Students First!

Editor:

The Students First team urges all students to vote in the election today. It is important that all student concerns be addressed. The only way to ensure that your voice is heard is to vote for Students First. Students First wants all students to make an informed decision when they go to the polls.

The Students First team is a group of experienced leaders who have been involved in many clubs and organizations on campus. Our diverse campus involvement has provided the Students First team with understanding on how to effectively run Sac State's student government.

Students First is committed to:

- Online student services
- Realistic solutions for parking problems
- Increased opportunities for student life activities through funding and representation.

Students First represents diverse leadership in a variety of campus clubs, organizations and activities. Students First is prepared to serve the students of Sac State as dedicated ASI representatives. I encourage every student to vote today for Students First!

Crystal Chase
Candidate for Director of Arts & Letters

Running a Campaign

Editor:

As the election of next year's ASI Board of Directors gets closer, the campaign rhetoric coming from the candidates can get hot and heavy. I feel the time has come to step back and comment about what it means to run a campaign for public office and actually serve as an elected representative to your fellow students.

Perhaps some personal reflection will be of assistance. One of the achievements I am most proud of as a result of participating on this year's ASI Board of Directors, is a statement that was introduced by current ASI Executive Vice-President Artemio Pimentel. This statement reaffirms the importance of the current "CSUS Year of Unity." Far more than mere rhetoric, it highlights the distinction of our campus's diversity and the importance of each student showing respect for their colleagues.

As this academic year comes to a close, as you step to the polls to elect next year's ASI Board members, as you grow as a student at CSUS, take time to think about some of the elements referred to within in the preceding proclamation. Take the time to remember the importance of the concept of unity as you progress through your formal studies here at CSUS. Remember that you are united with each of your fellow CSUS community members and that each of us has a personal responsibility to demonstrate a sense of unity and humanness to one another.

Richard Lucier
ASI Director of Postbaccalaureate Students
Candidate for Division of Social Work MSW

Real News, Not Cars

Editor:

I picked up today's *Hornet* in Lassen Hall today and was disgusted with the lead article and the pictures related to it regarding the ASI election. Having photographs of the candidates listing their names, ages and degree objectives is a good idea, however, when I saw that you also listed what kind of car they drive, I couldn't believe I was reading a college newspaper!

I have always enjoyed reading the *Hornet* and have always found it to be a high quality piece of journalism. I have worked on this campus for almost 18 years and am also a graduate of CSUS. I was also the Editor-In-Chief of my high school newspaper, which won numerous awards, and I can say that in high school I wouldn't have allowed this.

If students are supposed to judge the candidates based on their ideas, values, and the direction they see CSUS taking, I am appalled that you would think readers needed to know

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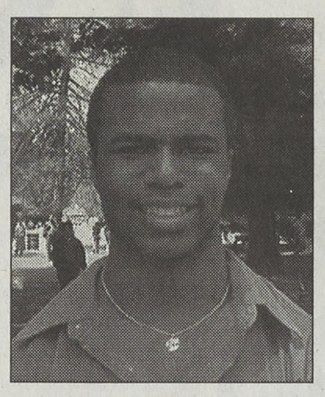
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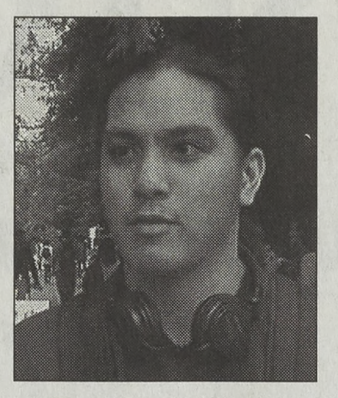
Do you think the faculty needs a raise?

Compiled by Kathleen Davis
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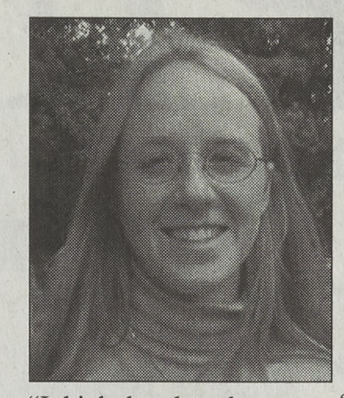
"No, they need to pay me! I work for the campus!"

Leukamian Davis
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"Yes, they should get a raise, and so should students that work on campus."

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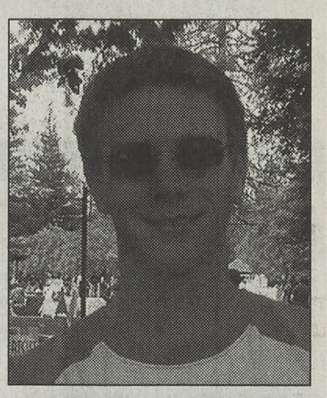
"I think that they deserve a raise because they work hard."

Alice Wojdac
Junior
Health Science



"They deserve a raise because so many have to get side jobs to compensate."

Leslie Weiterhausen
Junior
Psychology



"Higher wages will allow them to focus on class, not on financial situations."

Barrett Lyon
Sophomore
Psychology



JOSHUA WOOD

Students: Time for your opinion

Over the course of this year, my opinion articles have covered an array of controversial subjects, such as: legends (heroes who die in their prime), freedom of religion (good), abortion (bad), China (boycott) and race (pigment has nothing to do with the person on the inside) to name a few. Since I started writing these opinions in *The State Hornet*, I have received an incredibly diverse assortment of responses to the articles—some liken me to Hitler, others shake my hand profusely. With the year winding down and finals right around the corner, I felt the need to recap and find out what the whole of Sac State feels about these issues.

Thus this article will show how I perceive the liberal and conservative views to be on a few chosen topics from this year. You choose which side you take on each issue and add a one-sentence blurb on your position and then e-mail it to me at joshualeewood@yahoo.com. I will post a board in the quad showing, not only how many take the same side on a certain issue, but also some quotes from you, the readers. Sac State, here is your voice.

Issue #1-Abortion

Liberal View: When the Founding Fathers came to America and established this nation, they came in hopes of escaping tyranny and having the freedom of choice. The government has no right to tell a woman what she can and cannot do with her body. She is an American and has the right to choose whether or not to keep a fetus—she should have a choice.

Conservative View: In the Declaration of Independence, the founding fathers labeled three truths to be self-evident, thus we have a God-given right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Life is the first God-given right and thus we should protect that right and say that you cannot murder an unborn child. It is time our country stood and decided to protect our most innocent members, the unborn.

Issue #2-Freedom of Religion

Liberal View: The constitution provides for a separation of church and state to ensure my religious protection. Religion is something that should be kept away from politics, for we are a nation of diversity and each of us must appreciate and accept that diversity. After all, our founding fathers came here to escape religious oppression, not to induce that same oppression.

Conservative View: The historical literature such as the Declaration of Independence admits that we are endowed by a creator. The constitutional separation of church and state was only meant to protect the church from receiving religious oppression from the government, not to protect America from a belief in God.

Issue #3-China Relations

Liberal View: China is a great economic ally for the United States, despite the problems we have had. With our EP-3 jet still not back we should push to have relations mended so that our economy will not suffer from the loss of our most favored nation.

Conservative View: What the Chinese government has done with this EP-3 plane situation is outrageous. We need to call on all Americans to boycott their products. They have just lost their most favored nation status. The loss of us as an economic brother will sink the Chinese economy and thus take away much of their nuclear threat.

Now that you have seen the topics, show Sac State your voice.

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Letters: Candidate's cars not important to voters

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what kind of car they drove. This makes the students of CSUS look like shallow children that would judge someone based on their economic status.

I expect more from the *Hornet* and hope to see it in the future!

Babette Jimenez
Summer & Winter Session Coordinator
Regional & Continuing Education

VISION FOR RETENTION PROGRAMS

Editor:

Periodically we are confronted with the opportunity to make a difference. Too often, we turn our backs on problems that stare us in the face, in this case, this problem is retention rates. Sac State has one of the lowest retention rates of all CSU campuses. Not only do we fall short of the retention average, we have one of the highest ethnic drop-out rates in the nation. We have an African American drop out rate of 70 percent, and a Latino drop-out rate of almost the same proportion.

We are presently underfunding many of our retention programs, forcing these programs to fend for themselves in the competitive grant market.

Now is the time for us as students to mobilize and fight for our right to an education. Now is the time to solve this problem. Now is the time for Sac State to make it easier for a student to be a student.

Join me in the effort to enforce the support for retention programs. Support me in the creed which I will strive to uphold: "To accomplish great things in life, one needs VISION."

Luke Wood
Candidate for Director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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Editor:

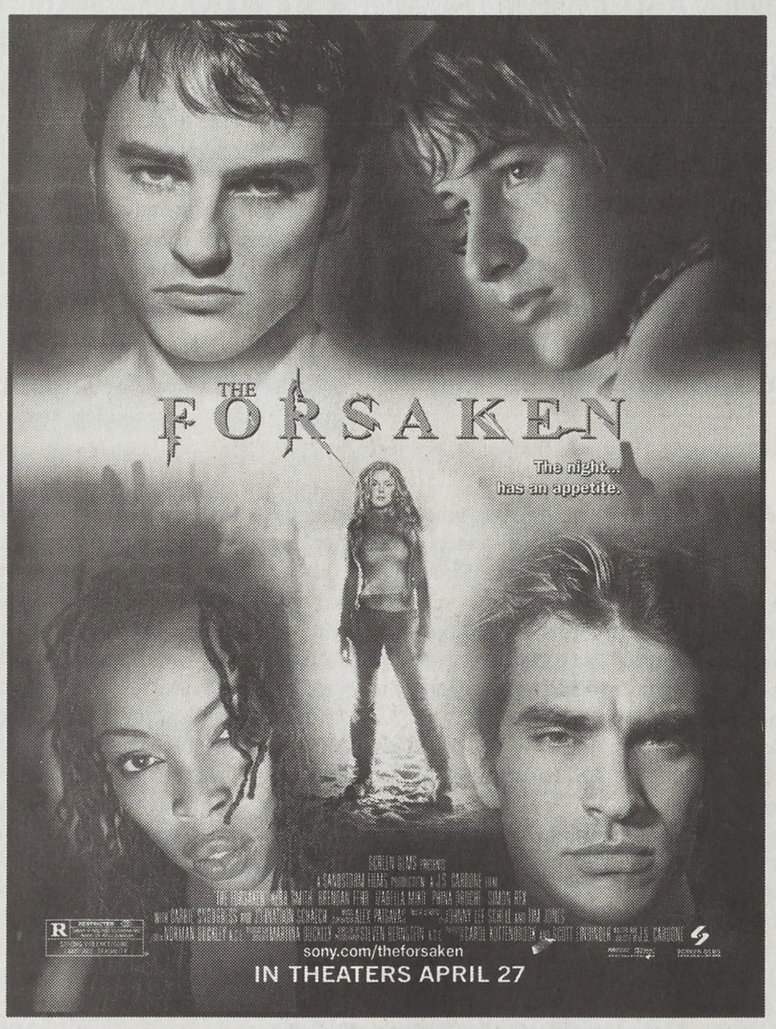
We have reached the final moments of the ASI elections. Support US, present in the Library Quad from the beginning, has been true to our promise of approachable leadership. The Support US Hornet Pledge, including Saclink updates, a Greek Access Center and adequate continuation of the Children's Center, has proven our dedication to representing the entire campus. We have demonstrated effective leadership that will offer solutions which will make life as a student easier. These solutions have the foresight to shoot beyond the inadequate government which we have experienced in the past.

Support US has offered plausible solutions that will address universal student concerns. regardless of your decision, Support US asks that you take the time today to vote.

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Twisted, graphic, and sexual tale in controversial book

"Elementary Particles"
By Michel Houellebecq
Published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York,
264 pages

Reviewed by Cynthia Lewis
State Hornet Online Editor

Many people like to pick up a book to forget themselves and escape the day-to-day struggles of life. Michel Houellebecq offers no such refuge for those brave enough to tackle his fiercely criticized and highly acclaimed commentary on the decline of Western civilization, " Elementary Particles."

Houellebecq's characters epitomize the most despicable and mundane aspects of humanity. He offers the reader no hero to grasp on to for support in the turmoil of lives cast adrift on the sea of uncertainty in the post-modern age. We are forced to navigate the dark waters alone, as are his characters, as elementary particles colliding with one another amidst an ocean of delusion and desire.

Houellebecq uses the lives of two half-brothers, Bruno, the perpetual masturbator and Michel, the asexual molecular biologist, to characterize the dismal nature of the male psyche in society as a result of the sexual revolution.

Though some may believe that the sexual revolution liberated many from the agony of repression, Houellebecq argues that it was nothing more than the progression of society caught up in the cult of individuality within the age of materialism. Pleasure has an ever-increasing threshold. Therefore, the individual is forced to seek out more intense stimulation to attain the same level of satisfaction. Houellebecq's characters find they are no longer capable of adequate stimulation through traditional sex and must search out more graphic and in some cases violent variations of sexuality to reach a satisfactory level of sexual fulfillment.

Despite Houellebecq's bold assertions that the need to derive meaning from life is simply a defect of the human mind, that sex and death are inextricably intertwined and that humans are defined by their sexual desires, he manages to never quite abandon the belief that despite all of life's problems, love still exists. Through the innately nurturing qualities of the female of the species, society might be able to reconnect with itself.

This complex novel is highly recommended for the daring literary explorer who is unafraid to have the most disturbing aspects of humanity magnified in the lives of the characters who are unfortunate enough to have to live out their eternal existence as pawns in Houellebecq's tirade on societal decay. Clearly preoccupied with his own sexual frustrations, Houellebecq manages to draw such a convincing picture of human obsession and preoccupation that it seems almost necessary to give his assertions a chance to battle it out amongst other social theorists of this age. So put on your boxing gloves and pick up "Elementary Particles", and don't be afraid of what you might find out about yourself.

Pop Art

Book covers Hollywood's film studio most popular poster art spanning 60 years



"MGM Posters: The Golden Years"
By Frank Miller
Published by Turner Publishing Inc., Atlanta
192 pages



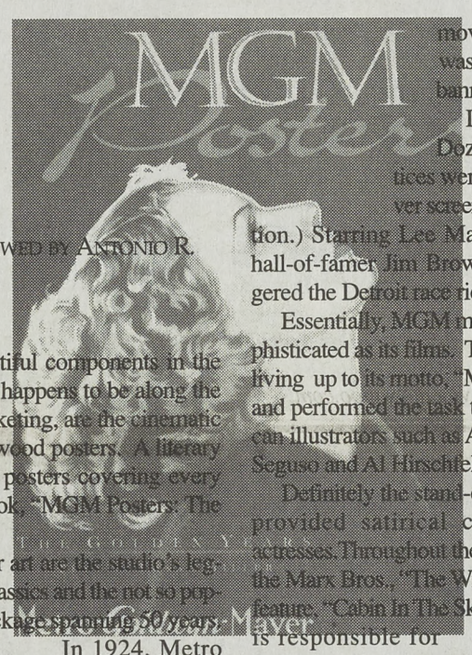
MGM's Poster Art courtesy of Turner Publishing, Inc.



Reviewed by Antonio R. Harvey
State Hornet Features/A&E Editor

One of the most beautiful components in the film industry, which happens to be along the lines of product marketing, are the cinematic substances of Hollywood posters. A literary and artistic view of posters covering every film genre can be seen through the book, "MGM Posters: The Golden Years," by Frank Miller.

In the star-struck medium of poster art are the studio's legendary stars and one-hit wonders, the classics and the not so popular, woven together in a complete package spanning 50 years.



In 1924, Metro Pictures consolidated with Goldwyn Pictures and Louis B. Mayer Productions. The unification allowed MGM to reign as the most powerful studio for decades.

MGM history is well documented through its studio bosses, talented directors and glamourous stars. In contrast, "MGM Posters: The Golden Years" paints the true stories behind Hollywood's visual advertising.

The book details blonde bombshell Jean Harlow's big break-through at MGM in 1932 when she was cast as a conniving, red-haired secretary in the movie "Red Headed Woman." The film was censored around the nation and outright banned in England.

In 1967, MGM released "The Dirty Dozen" during a time when racial injustices were high and violence dominated the silver screen. (The poster contains a lot of brutal action.) Starring Lee Marvin, Charles Bronson and football hall-of-famer Jim Brown, one critic "suggested" that it triggered the Detroit race riots.

Essentially, MGM made movie posters as sparkling and sophisticated as its films. The movie company was obsessed with living up to its motto, "More Stars Than There Are in Heaven," and performed the task through the best contemporary American illustrators such as Alberto Vargas, portrait artist Armando Seguso and Al Hirschfeld.

Definitely the stand-out of the three, Hirschfeld's poster art provided satirical caricatures of MGM actors and actresses. Throughout the book, Hirschfeld illustrations spoofed the Marx Bros., "The Wizard of Oz" and MGM's first all-black feature, "Cabin In The Sky." Still alive, and in his 90s, Hirschfeld is responsible for rock band Aerosmith's 1977 album cover, "Draw The Line."

Poster art was considered to be disposable and of no value until a poster of "King Kong" was auctioned off for more than $100,000 and a "Wizard of Oz" poster sold for $10,000 in 1993.

Experts predict that the most sought after posters will sell for an amazing $250,000 or more, according to the book. The bids for all three "Godfather" flicks, "Casablanca" and the pop hit "The Matrix" will probably be in that financial category.

"MGM Posters: The Golden Years" is a must for any film buff, and is located on the browsing shelf of the CSU, Sacramento Library.



Al Hirschfeld's Cabin In The Sky (1941)

-Top Film Posters-

High Society (1956), This Time For Keeps (1947) and Bathing Beauty (1944).



William Crawford's "Reckless" (1935)

Life isn't all funny in comedian's brash biography

"Groucho: The Life and Times of Julius Henry Marx"
By Stefan Kanfer
Published by Alfred A. Knopf, New York,
450 pages

Reviewed by Prof. Mike Fitzgerald
State Hornet Faculty Adviser

Comedians who have given up on cleverness of language, substituting instead large doses of toilet humor to get laughs should take the time to read "Groucho: The Life and Times of Julius Henry Marx," written by Stefan Kanfer and published by Alfred Knopf of New York.

If they do, they will be treated to hundreds of timeless jokes in this 450-page work (One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got in my pajamas I don't know), but more importantly, they will get a glimpse of how comedy—as social commentary—can be more powerful than any government.

They will also learn that the life of a comedian isn't all jokes.

The 450-page book is told chronologically for the most part, which can be death for biographies. But Groucho led such an interesting life (if sometimes tragic) that any section of the book lends itself to close examination.

Groucho was arguably the most famous of the Marx Brothers, although in later life Harpo's frizzy hair became almost equally well-known.

Generations of people are familiar with the brothers' films such as "Duck Soup, Monkey Business" and "A Night at the Opera," while many baby boomers remember Groucho's outrageous comments as a quiz show host on "You Bet Your Life," in the 1950s.

Groucho pushed the bounds of television, vaulting past network censors with dry-witted jokes that seemed beyond the censors' recognition.

In one memorable program Groucho admonished a woman who had ten children, who said she had so many children because she loved her husband. "I love my cigar, but I take it out of my mouth once in awhile," he quipped.

His comment was excised by the director, but made it into newspaper columns and remains one of his most memorable lines.

While the book details out the comedic triumphs of Groucho, it also goes into great depth about Groucho's upbringing, how he survived many sad times and ultimately his legacy and legal (and family) problems at the end of his life.

Groucho will not make most readers admire Julius Henry Marx for his personal life and dealings, but it's a fascinating snapshot of life in the U.S. during the first half of the century.

Author Kanfer is a writer in residence at the City University of New York and is a former writer and editor at *Time* magazine.

Kanfer other books include "The Eighth Sin," "A Summer World," "The Last Empire" and "Serious Business."

Groucho is recommended reading and is located on the browsing shelf of the CSU, Sacramento Library.

Grisham takes refreshing change of pace

"A Painted House"
By John Grisham
Published by Doubleday
388 pages (hardcover)

Bridget Williams
State Hornet Critic At Large

When it was first announced that John Grisham's latest novel was abandoning the courtroom and heading for the cotton fields, fans were skeptical. They'd waited all year for his next legal thriller and now, by Grisham's own admittance, there was "not a single lawyer, dead or alive." But, after all the impatient guess work, the sigh of relief for readers rests within the pages of his twelfth book, "A Painted House."

Grisham's writing style hasn't changed with his latest novel, only the setting has. Gone is the fast paced courtroom dilemma and customary suspense that have kept the fingers of his readers tingling in anticipation of the next page. He's abandoned his trademark for a more refreshing outlook on the common man.

Get your plates and forks ready; Grisham is serving up a real slice of Americana.

Set in the rural Arkansas of 1952, the novel is narrated by the incomparable Luke Chandler, a seven-year-old boy whose experiences and outlook as a member of a cotton farming family place him in unbelievable, yet surprisingly realistic circumstances.

The novel is a tribute to Grisham's boyhood, with the plot and some characters loosely based on his real-life encounters. It's somewhat nostalgic and definitely slower than his previous works, which offer up the possibility of turning off some Grisham fans, but the characters, which include hardened farmers generations removed and scornful "hill people" eager for a brawl, are genuine and well developed.

As expected, it's filled with Grisham's typical Southern humor, such as when Luke describes his Baptist upbringing:

"I'd been taught in Sunday school from the day I could walk that lying would send you straight to hell. No detours. No second chances. Straight into the fiery pit, where Satan was waiting with the likes of Hitler and Judas Iscariot and General Grant."

The experiences of Luke Chandler in "A Painted House" are well worth the read. You see life through his eyes—from dreaming of playing baseball with the Cardinals to witnessing a brutal murder, all with the boyhood innocence that goes with viewing something for the first time.

Hornet Literature

Microphone Check

"Roll On"

The Living End

Reprise Records
15 tracks, 52:39 playing time

REVIEWED BY CASEY MCCRACKEN
State Hornet

In the present days of rap-core and whining rock, punk has fled back to the underground, but mainstreaming up from the land down under (Melbourne, Australia) comes the Living End.

This trio is being recognized as the Clash of today, combining punk, rockabilly and hard rock.

Yes, they feature lots of rockstar guitar licks including solos, backup with an up-right bass, and punk drum beats.

Beginning with the title track, "Roll On," this album creates an up-tempo energetic foot-stomping sound.

With these shout-along choruses, it's obvious that one of these songs is about drinking: "Carry Me Home" is Australian for beer. "Blood On Your Hands" shows their Clash roots with a reggae sound mixed with fast punk rock transitions. "Prisoner Of Society," a previous big hit, is included as a live bonus track.

This CD also includes a cool multi-media bonus, featuring videos for "Picture In The Mirror," along with "Prisoner Of Society." It also features direct links to Reprise Records and the band's official Web site.

"Roll On" is a great punk anthem that reminds me of Rancid, with a touch of Green Day pop. Watch out, this album might just grow on you.

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Funky Town Hotspot:



REVIEWED BY GEORGETTE TODD
State Hornet

Ron Reed wants to take you to funky town. Reed is the general manager and operating partner of Sacramento's newest hotspot, "Polly-Esther's Culture Club," which is located on 1696 Arden Way.

They're right next to Chuck E. Cheese restaurant and a block away from its competitor "The Rage."

"Our club is wide-ranging and diversified," Reed said. "We have young kids experiencing the whole '70s and '80s for the first time and yet we also have older folks who get nostalgic and want to relive the '70s and '80s."

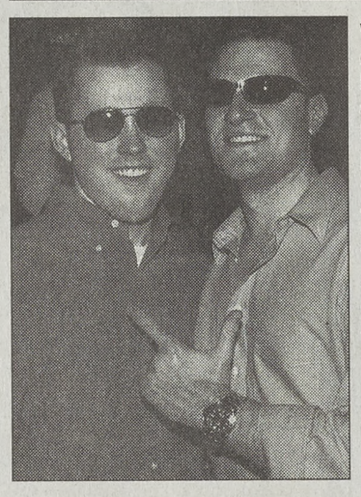
In 1991, two guys in New York thought that the club scene was missing a retro '70's and '80's theme. Thus began Polly-Esther's Culture Club, which opened in New York and continues to be a raging success. Since then, 19 other clubs have been sprouted all over the country and there are plans to open a few more in cities like Memphis and Las Vegas in the next few months.

Polly-Esther's officially opened up for business in Sacramento on March 15. Unlike the other clubs in Sacramento like "The Rage" and "The Jukebox," Polly-Esther's is a 21-and-up only club that manages to squeeze every ounce of '70s and '80s pop culture into two rooms. Once your hand gets stamped, security guards then usher you into the '70s room that includes a dance floor with a glittering disco ball, a cocktail bar, a life-size twister game and a Partridge Family bus replica that's designed for people to take a breather and chill out. In the next room, billboards of famous stars adorn the mirrored walls along with TV sets that only play hit '80's movies like "Ferris Bueller's DayOff," "The Breakfast Club" and "Footloose." There's also two DJ booths and a life-size "Lucky Star" Madonna picture that overlooks the dance floor full of modern dressed patrons who sing along with the '80's hits as they shimmy and boogie on down.

A frequent Polly-Esther's attendee and Sac State psychology major, Arnita Quosig explains that Polly-Esther's is the type of club that anyone can have fun at. "I normally try to avoid those cheesy meet-market places, but I always have a good time at Polly-Esther's. The atmosphere brings me back to my childhood and the drinks are reasonably priced," she said.

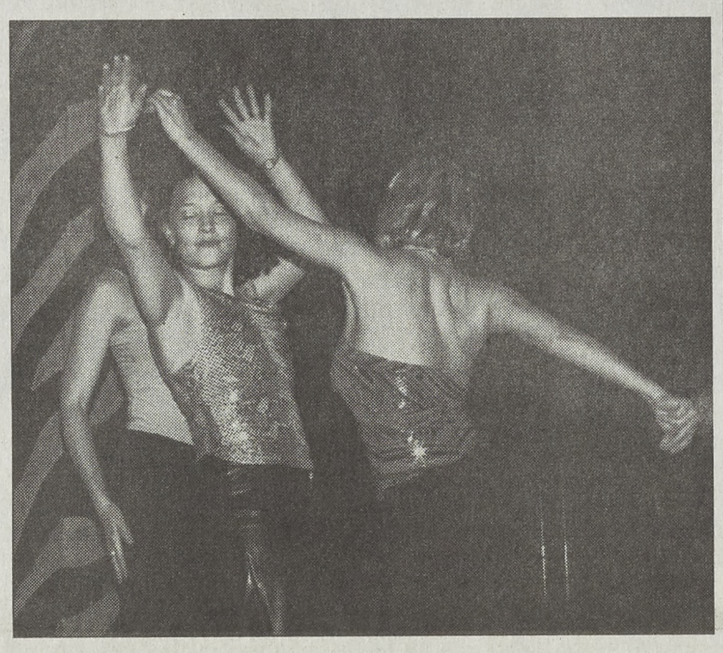
Polly-Esther's hours of operation are Wednesday through Saturday from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday is "Animal House" night, which means that anyone with a valid college I.D. can get in for $3, otherwise they have to pay $5. Wednesday is also the only day that Polly-Esther's offers drink specials which are $2 on well drinks, wine, and domestic beer. Thursday is "Charlie's Angels" night, which means that ladies can get in for free from 8 p.m. till 9 p.m., after that Polly-Esther's charges $5 for entry. On Friday and Saturday nights, there are no specials and it costs all customers $10 to get in. For more information, call (916) 922-1975 or log on to www.pollyesthers.com.

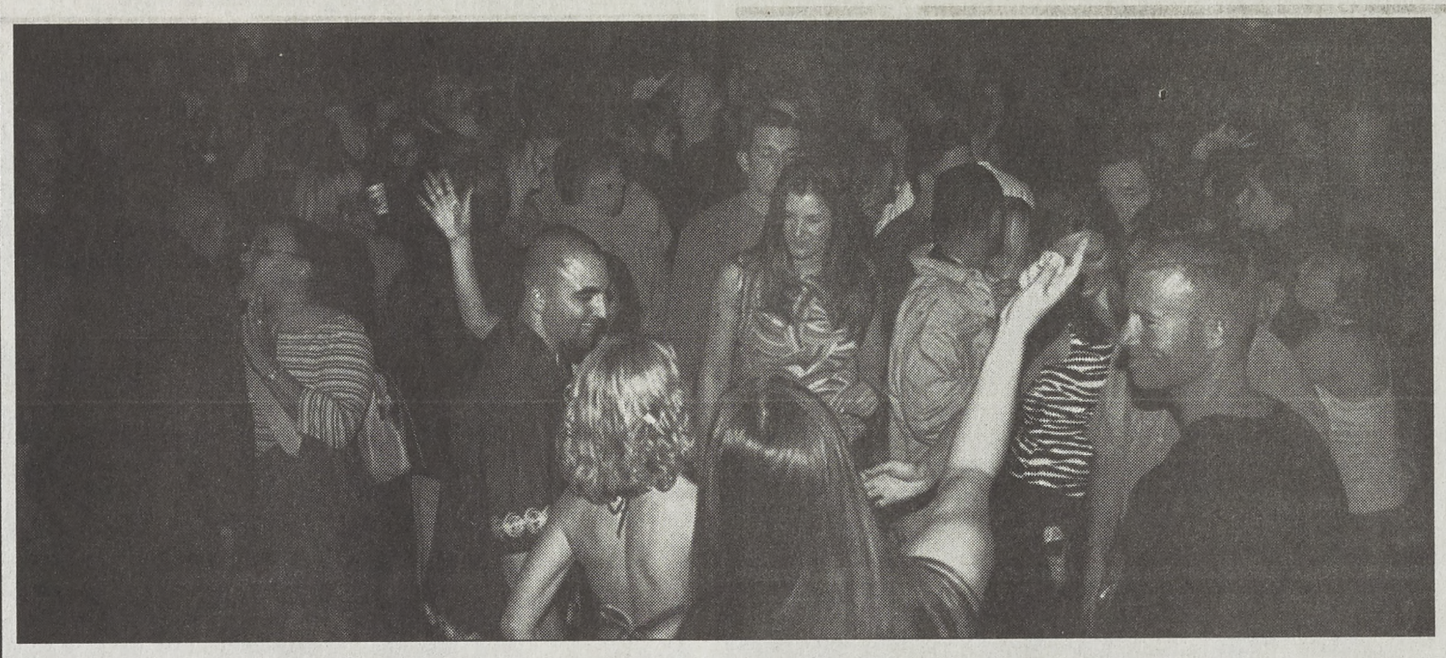




What are you doing - clockwise (l to r), Lindsay Shama, Jaime Means and Sacramento State students Kelly Davis and Angie Davis smile for the State Hornet paparazzo at Polly-Esther's. Sac State's Sigma Pi buddies, Joha Jaquish and Gary Waller wear their sunglasses at night. Two dancers disco the night away. A thick crowd swarm the dance floor. Background photo – Polly Esther's waitress Cauleen Divine looks to serve drinks. Polly-Esther's is locate at 1696 Arden Way.

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MATT SCHRAP/STATE HORNET





Microphone Check

"Just Push Play"

Aerosmith

Sony Records
12 tracks, 56:48 playing time

REVIEWED BY LAURA HONZAY
State Hornet

Aerosmith keeps on playing. Just push play and you will find that even after 28 years of recording music, Aerosmith still has what it takes to make hit records.

Recent inductees of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Aerosmith debuted at #2 on the Billboard 200 albums chart with their recently released album "Just Push Play." This is the 13th album for Aerosmith and the first to be produced by singer Steven Tyler and guitarist Joe Perry, half of a production team called the Boneyard Boys. The album was created in what Tyler calls the "delivery room" in Perry's Boneyard Studio.

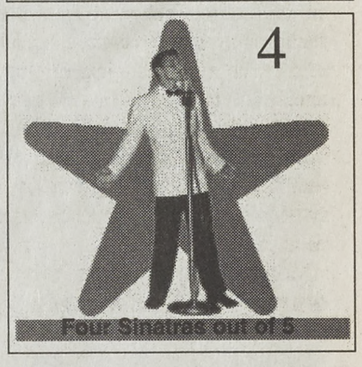
"We basically sat in this room and didn't leave until we'd write something," said Tyler, according to *Rolling Stone* magazine. The album has a new and genuine quality about it, and is rawer and edgier than any of their earlier albums.

The similarity between "Just Push Play" and other Aerosmith albums is that most of the songs are reminiscent of the Back in the Saddle tour in 1985 when Aerosmith was making a comeback with the album "Done With Mirrors."

The first single, "Jaded," has all of the elements of a major hit, the song gets in your head and it won't let go.

"Under my Skin" and "Just Push Play" are the highlights of the album if you prefer a more heavy sound, but other songs like "Jaded" and "Fly Away Home" are marketable in the radio industry and flow together better. "Just Push Play" is just another example that Aerosmith is going to be around for a long time to come.

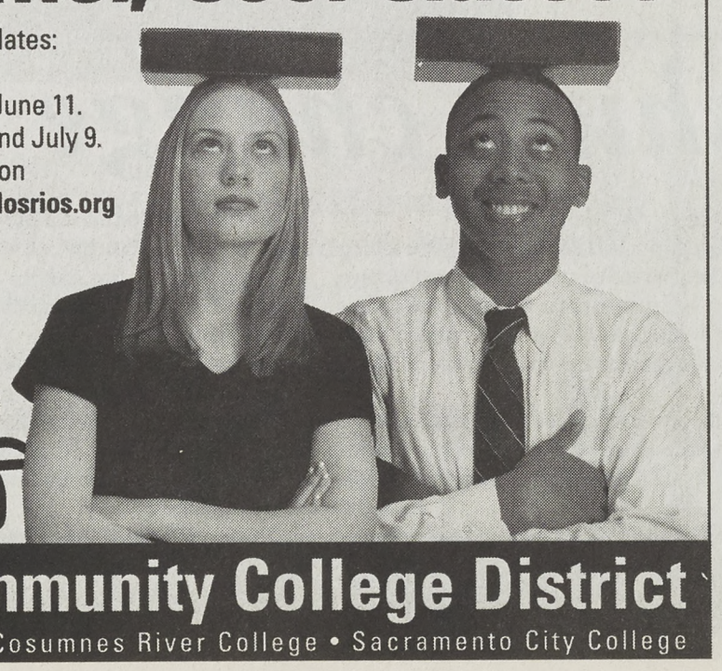




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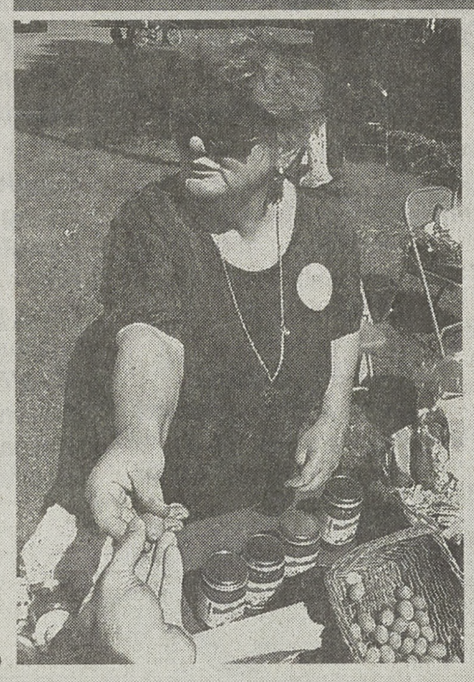
Far left: Rick Young celebrates with worship flags
Center Left: A guitarist from Mumbo Gumbo plays a riff for the crowd



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Hanna Arrington takes a break to practice her hula hoop skills.



Above: Employees from Sacramento Natural Food Co-Op are well supplied with samples and product info.
Left: Susan Bush hands kumquats.

The Hornet Marquee

River City Days and Los Lobos at Sac State

JUSTIN HOEGER
State Hornet

Sacramento State will host the River City Days Open House, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday. The event, which includes campus tours, concerts, and a mock archaeological dig and more, will be held in the Library Quad, with department demonstrations throughout the campus. Maps and event schedules will be available the day of the event, and parking will be free in faculty, staff, and student lots.

More information is available at www.csus.edu/rivercitydays, or call 278-6595.

Los Angeles-based band Los Lobos, whose hits include the popular '80s song "La Bamba," will play at Sac State on at 7:30 p.m., May 3, in the University Union Ballroom. The show will also include performances by Mariachi Feminil Las Aguilas and Rondalla Sentimiento Romanctico. Tickets are available online at www.tickets.com or at the Union's Central Ticket Office at $18 for general admission and $12 for students.

Actor and environmentalist Woody Harrelson will speak at Sac State at noon, May 4, outside the Union at the Joe Serna Jr. Plaza as part of his "Simple Organic Living Tour." Harrelson will talk about deforestation, organic food, low-impact living, and other environmental issues. For more information, call 278-6997.

Free Chlamydia testing on campus until May 11

LAURA HONZAY
State Hornet

Did you know that one in five college students are infected with Chlamydia and are not aware of it?

Chlamydia (kla-MID-ee-uh) is the most prevalent Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) and is most common among 15 to 24 year olds.

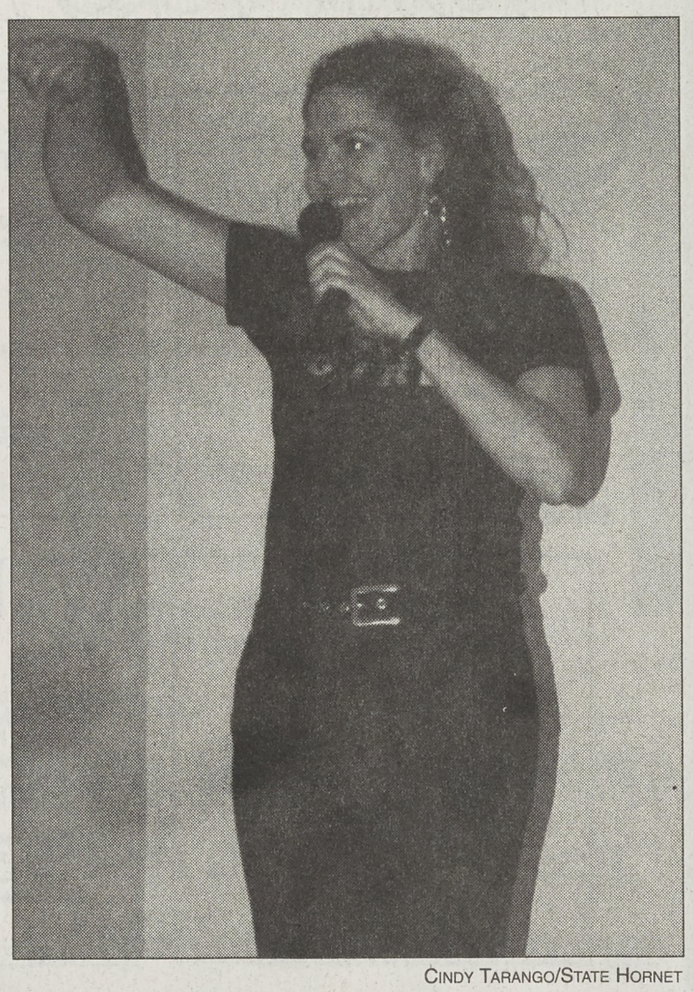
If it is not treated, Chlamydia can damage both the male and female reproductive capabilities.

The good news is that Chlamydia is easy to test for (it's just.a simple urine test) and is free at the CSUS Student Health Center.

Help the Chlamydia Screening Education and Treatment (CSET) Project reach their goal of screening 2,000 students for Chlamydia by May 11.

For information, call 278-5422 or visit the Web site at www.csus.edu/hlth/CSET.

Cabaret science



CINDY TARANGO/STATE HORNET

Physicist Lynda Williams brought her world-famous "Cosmic Cabaret" science lecture to Sacramento State last week. The event, held in the University Union Hinde Auditorium covered several topics such as the "Big Bang Theory." Williams, a graduate of Sac State, is a physics and astronomy professor at Fresno State and she writes original science media and musical productions.

"Stars Under the Stars"

A free outdoor comedy show featuring Jack Gallagher (the Crystal milk guy), will take place Thursday, at 7 p.m., at Joe Serna Jr. Plaza. Comics Alan Gordon and Karen Anderson will also perform. For more information: call 278-6997.



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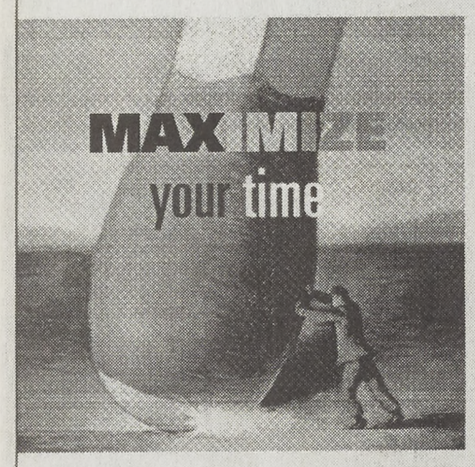
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The CSUS Principles Committee

The CSUS Principles Committee has completed a draft document on Civility and Respect that is a compendium of thoughts from the committee and several other institutions of higher education. Comments and suggestions from the campus community are invited before **May 4, 2001**.

The draft document and comment form are located at :

www.csus.edu/pubaf/principles.html

Comments will be carefully considered by the committee, which is seeking wide participation in the development of this document.

The committee is comprised of Bob Buckley, chair, Faculty Senate; Vivian Miller, special assistant to the vice president of student affairs; Elizabeth O' Brien, chair, University Staff Assembly; Artemio Pimentel, executive vice president, Associated Students Inc.; and Bonnie Sugiyama, co-facilitator, Queer Straight Alliance.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this process.

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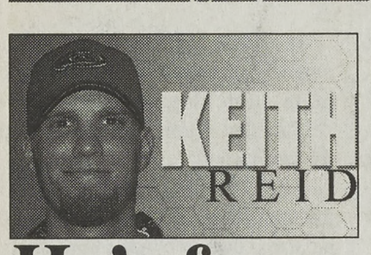
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SPORTS

Check out www.statehornet.com for stories on Sac State sports this week, including baseball vs. Santa Clara



He's from Sac State?

The NFL draft came and went this weekend, and there are four former Sac State players who fell through the seven rounds of selections unchosen, and now look towards standing up tall in the aftermath of draft day mayhem, as signed rookie free agents.

Charles Roberts, Ricky Ray, Lamont Webb and Anthony Daisley will all be in camp this summer, trying to do what few Sac State players have done, and make a profession out of their athletic talent. And, while the pressure isn't overbearing, it would be a huge lift to Sac State's reputation if even one of these guys can break into the league and become not only a player, but become a star that every fan in America will come to associate as having roots at Sac State.

Yeah, we have a few former Hornets in the professional ranks, but what we don't have is the one guy who blue chip recruits look at, admire, and dream of following in their footsteps.

There isn't a player who is the identity to Sac State the way that John Stockton is to Gonzaga, Randy Moss is to Marshall, Vin Baker to Hartford, or Steve McNair is to Alcorn State.

These guys symbolize sports at their former university. These are schools, much like Sac State, that don't have reputations for great sports programs and they aren't seen as a stepping stone of college talent into professional glory the way that UCLA, North Carolina, or Florida State are. But they do have the one player, the guy that became an all-star even though they didn't play for a perennial powerhouse in college.

Take a look around the professional leagues, and you will find very few players who have worn the green and gold. You have Daimon Shelton, a starting fullback for the Jacksonville Jaguars, but he's a role player. Lonnie Paxton made the New England Patriots last year, but he plays what can be best described as a novelty position, the long-snapper. Not that Paxton is complaining about his NFL salary, but his legend at Sac State is limited. Unless the coaching staff wants to build a reputation as "the program to be in if you want to be a long-snapper," there has to be a bigger name out there to be Sac State's spokesperson.

It doesn't have to be a football player, but it seems as though the best shot will be from one of John Volek's boys. This is because it's a long, hard look to find somebody from any other sport who is making a name for him or herself once they graduate from this campus.

And really, it will have to be either football, basketball or baseball, where the heroes of the sporting world are most prominent, to really gain anybody's attention. Although it would be nice, providing a legend to the world of soccer, rowing, gymnastics, or tennis just won't deliver the flare and attention to Sacramento that a member of the "big three" sports will. Not because the other sports aren't as hard, or meaningful, but because those sports just aren't a part of the American mainstream.

Will we ever see the player that makes every seventh grader with lofty dreams and a brilliant future realize that Sac State could be amidst the beaten path to glory?

Only time will tell, but count on this: If Sac State wants to become big time, it needs to create a reputation, and if it can produce a star that shines out over America to become a household name, there will be no turning back from there.

Questions? Comments? E-mail hornetsports2001@yahoo.com

Big Sky champs again



CASEY MCCRACKEN/ STATE HORNET

The men's tennis team poses with its trophy on Sunday at the Rio Del Oro Racquet Club.

JEFF BOONE
State Hornet

Sac State's men's tennis program is getting accustomed to winning conference championships, as they notched another Big Sky Conference title this past weekend.

This marked the third conference championship for the Hornets in the past four years. Sac State finished out the season 20-2, and winners of its last eight.

Sunday, Sac State defeated Northern Arizona, 5-1, in the championship game, and the Hornets downed Montana State, 4-0, Saturday afternoon.

> "We have nothing to lose. We'll be in the underdog role. There will be no pressure."
>
> Head coach Chris Evers on upcoming NCAA's

Sunday's contest had many question marks regarding how the Hornets were going to play because of several injuries hobbling some players.

"It wasn't easy, we were depleted," head coach Chris Evers said. "It makes it a little more special. It feels good, real good."

Play on Sunday started with doubles competition, where Sac State won two of the matches to gain the doubles point. Winning the doubles point allowed the team to win only three of the six singles matches, giving the team an easier

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Super Coupar

All her life, junior Cathy Coupar has geared herself towards softball

JAMES BURNS
State Hornet

Born in the sunshine of Southern California, a young Cathy Coupar found herself learning the fundamentals of softball, field hockey and soccer, as she tried to master the fundamentals of life. She learned to walk by shagging pop-ups—literally.

"I have three older sisters," said Coupar, who began organized sports at the age of six. "I think my dad was hoping I was a boy."

> "I have three older sisters. I think my dad was hoping I was a boy."
>
> Cathy Coupar

Nevertheless, Coupar continued to excel in athletics, finding her niche in both softball and soccer. Oddly enough, as she made the transition into Granada High School in Livermore, the former goalkeeper thought she would be net-minding in college, rather than roaming the pastures of the outfield.

"I wasn't good until high school. I got all my skills and coordination when I got into high school," said Coupar of her

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JAMES GAERLAN/ STATE HORNET

Coupar is a big bat for Sac State at the top of the Hornet line-up. She is second on the team with a .290 average.

Both sides of ball show off in annual Green and Gold scrimmage

RUSS EDMONDSON
State Hornet

Spring football came to an end with Saturday's annual Green and Gold scrimmage at Fred Anderson Field.

Dealing with the loss of past stars Charles Roberts, Lamont Webb, Ricky Ray, Anthony Daisley, Scott Towne and Tommy Williams, head coach John Volek liked what he saw out of this season's squad.

"I think the defense, in the first half, was very impressive with the long field," Volek said. "Then our offense learned how to work the red zone."

In addition to the normal ways to score points in football, this game added alternative ways to light up the board, including defensive holds, turnovers and first downs. The offense won the game, 51-37.

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> Head coach John Volek

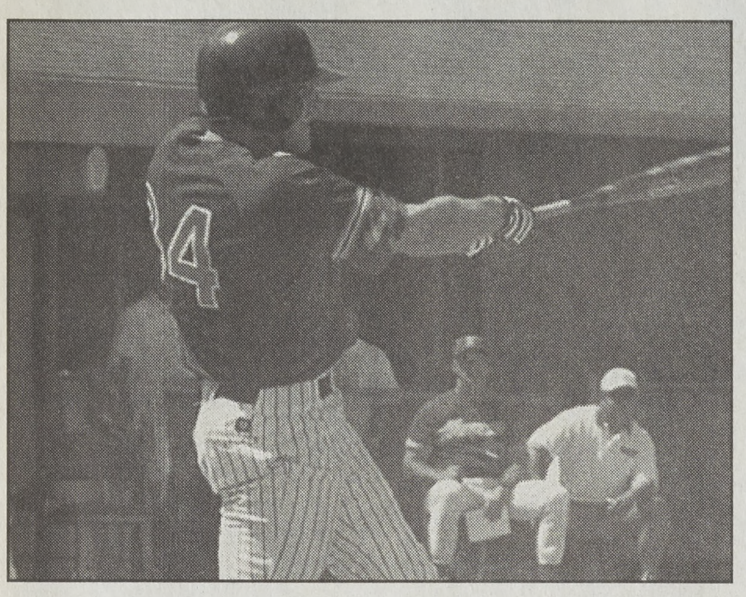
"The point that we're trying to

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VIVIAN BRASSEL/ STATE HORNET

Freshman fullback Kendall Riley breaks away from a teammate on Saturday at Fred Anderson Field.



Freshman Kinsey earns first win but Sac State drops two of three

RUSS EDMONDSON
State Hornet

Coming extremely close to taking two of three games from Santa Barbara over the weekend, Sac State baseball lost in extra innings on Sunday at Hornet field and lost for the 15th time in 18 games.

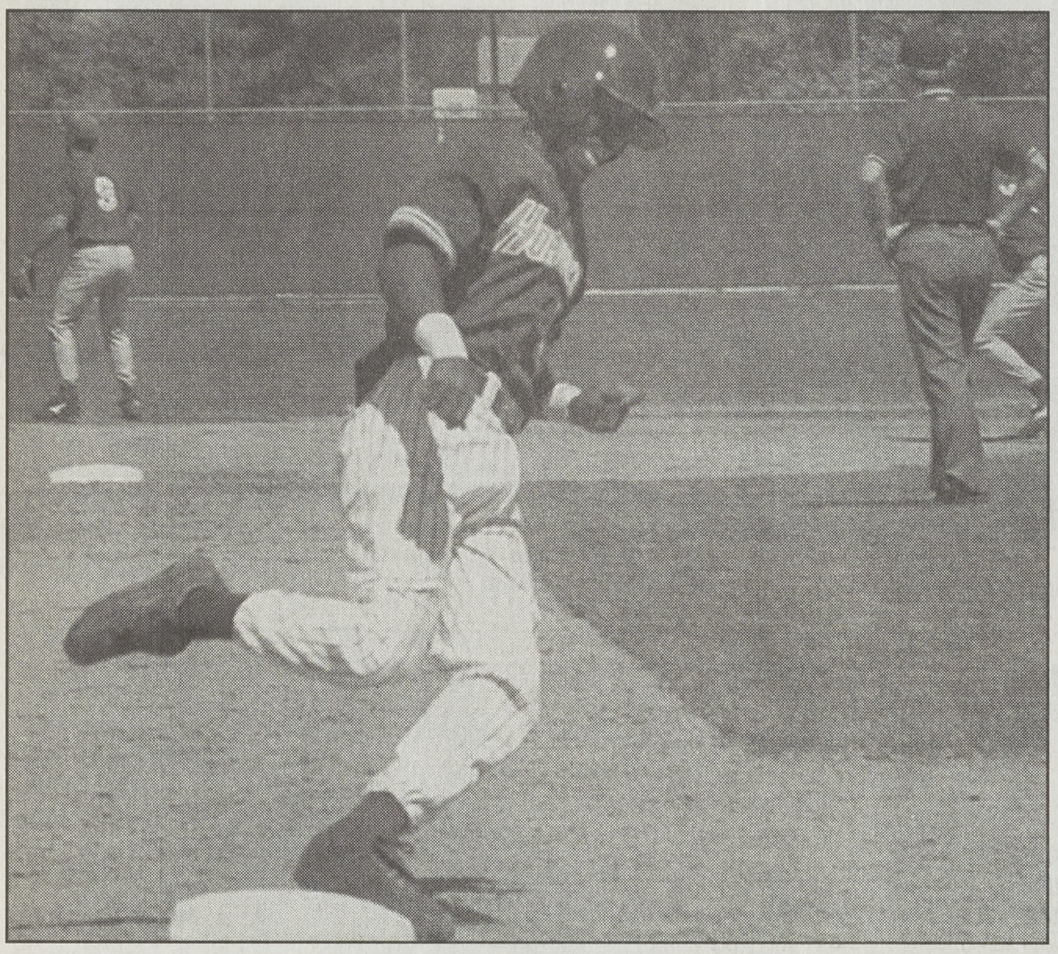
Sac State (18-25, 2-7) battled Santa Barbara (29-11, 4-2) on Sunday, and led for most of the game before the Gauchos scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning and two more in the top of the 10th.

Hornet starter Jeff Groeger pitched into the eighth inning, when his team led 7-5, but things started to unravel from there. Groeger got two of the first four hitters out, but sophomore Steve Cuckovich came in and walked two guys before closer Michael Penbera walked in the tying run.

Groeger pitched 7 2/3, allowing seven runs, four of them earned, and 13 base runners against the team with the highest batting average (.350) in the nation going into the series.

In the 10th inning, Santa Barbara scored twice more off Penbera, with two singles and a walk.

Sac State senior Aurelio Jackson had two hits, and three runs scored in the loss and first baseman Tim Maghan had two hits and two RBI for the Hornets.



Top, Sac State's Dave Lusk takes a hack during Sunday's 9-7 extra inning loss to Santa Barbara.

Left, Hornet senior Aurelio Jackson rounds third base and heads for home, on Sunday.

Bottom, Sac State pitcher Jeff Groeger, (middle) is flanked by teammates (from left) Michael Penbera, Chris Kinsey and Casey Fuller on Sunday.



On Saturday, in the second game of a doubleheader, Sac State's Chris Kinsey won a battle of freshman hurlers as the Hornets scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a 4-2 victory.

"We got some clutch hits, and that has been non-existent for a while," Smith said. "To win with four runs was big."

Kinsey threw seven innings, allowing eight hits, three walks, and two runs, in what was his most impressive start of his short career.

"With each start, he's gotten a little better," Smith said. "He's really settling into his role—he's not a typical freshman anymore."

Kinsey agrees with his coach, that he improves every time he is called upon.

"I have learned something from each start," Kinsey said. "My control was a lot better today and I had a good fastball and curveball."

In the last of the first inning, left fielder Daryl Grant drove in Jackson with a double and catcher Joe Evans singled Grant in with a single to right field, to put the Hornets up 2-0.

The Gauchos scored twice in the top of the fourth inning to tie the score, as Kinsey balked in one run and Ryan Stringham another.

Kinsey and Santa Barbara freshman Matt Vasquez continued to pitch well over the next few innings, until the Hornets' bats resurfaced in the bottom of the seventh inning. Grant led off with a single, and John C. Freitas and Tito Barba had RBI base hits, putting up Sac State 4-2.

Grant, who hasn't gotten much playing time lately, got the start in both games on Saturday.

"They threw two right-handers," Smith said. "He's always been a good hitter, just not consistent. Today, he delivered in big situations and he was selective with pitches."

Penbera came on in the ninth inning to nail down the victory for Sac State, notching his ninth save.

Saturday morning's game was ugly for the Hornets.

Santa Barbara scored three runs in the top of the first inning, four in the next, and then two in the third inning, to take a 9-1 lead after just three innings. Sac State added up some late runs, but fell to the Gauchos, 13-6. Sac State also committed five errors.

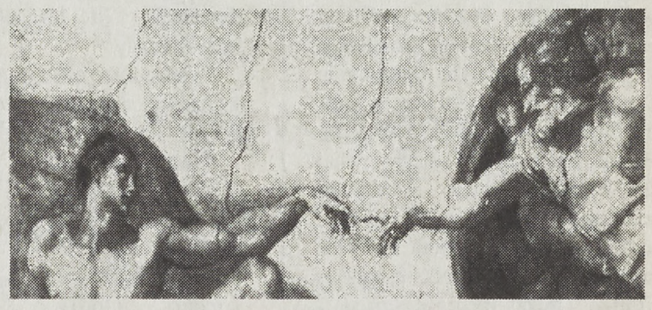
Sac State starting pitcher Mike Miranda was bounced in the second inning, giving up six hits and seven runs, only three of which were earned.

> "With each start, he's gotten a little better. He's really settling into his role—he's not a typical freshman anymore."
>
> Head coach John Smith on Chris Kinsey

Jackson, Barba, Grant and senior Carlos Morales all got two hits for Sac State in the losing effort. Morales leads the Hornets with a .321 batting average and 32 RBI.

The Hornets travel to Cal Poly on Friday and will play a three-game weekend set in the land of the Mustangs.

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Fri. April 27

Baseball @ Cal Poly 7 pm
Men's Tennis @ Ojai Tournament

Sat. April 28

Softball vs. Cal Poly (2) noon
Baseball @ Cal Poly 7 pm
Rowing –WIRA Championships (TBA) at Lake Natomas
Track and Field @ Cal/Nevada Championships (TBA)
Men's Tennis @ Ojai Tournament

Sun. April 29

Baseball @ Cal Poly 1 pm
Softball vs. Cal Poly noon
Rowing—WIRA Championships (TBA)
Track and Field @ Cal/Nevada Championships in Irvine (TBA)
Men's Tennis @ Ojai Tournament

Last Week's Scores

Baseball (18-25)

UC Santa Barbara	13
Sac State	6
UC Santa Barbara	2
Sac State	4
UC Santa Barbara	9
Sac State (10 innings)	7

Softball (16-30)

Sac State	0
Pacific	1
Sac State	0
Pacific	5
Sac State	2
Pacific	7

Rowing (3-3)

Texas
6:46.1
Sac State
7:00.8
Washington State
7:39.0
Sac State
7:56.5

Men's Tennis (20-2)
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Montana State	0
Sac State	4
Northern Arizona	1
Sac State	5

Hornets difficult to track; compete in four different events

JONAMAR JACINTO
State Hornet

Sac State's track and field team had a busy weekend with four different meets to attend to.

A handful of athletes ventured south with assistant coach Mike Gipson to take part in three prestigious meets: the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational in Claremont, the 2001 Long Beach State Invitational and the Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut.

Meanwhile, head coach Joe Neff kept the majority of his competitors in town for the 2001 Sacramento Spring Classic.

"It wasn't a big meet, but we at least had the chance to compete and qualify a couple athletes (for the Big Sky Conference Outdoor Championships) in the process," said Neff, whose team was originally slated for the Woody Wilson Invitational in Davis, but withdrew before the event.

Earlier last week, sophomore Monica Crawford was honored as the Big Sky Conference's Field Athlete of the Week, making her the third Hornet athlete in four weeks to receive the award. She set a new school outdoor record of 45-10.5 in the shot put last Saturday during the All-Women Invitational in San Diego. She also threw a lifetime best, 150-9 feet, in the hammer throw, placing her third in the program's outdoor record books.

At the Sacramento Spring Classic, junior Shawna Peterman qualified in the pole vault, after taking second place on an 11-foot-four vault. Teammate Tracy Dahl won the event at 11-10, while Iran Serrano rounded out the Hornets with a 10-10.

Howard Story outpaced the competition in the 800-meter run, clocking in at 1:53.75, a tenth of a second off the BSC qualifying mark. But Neff said that the sophomore should be able to compete in the conference meet.

"I'll get it (BCS) this week," Story said. "Missing by only a tenth of a second really adds fuel to my fire to run faster."

Dustin Diaz, who has already secured a spot for the Big Sky Champinships, was the runner up in the 800 (1:54.38), followed by Stephen Gaitan (1:54.90) and Anthony Elwell (1:56.45). Mike Santarosa finished second in the 3,000 in 9:23.

Molly Peterson ruled the distance events on the women's side, placing first in the 1,500 (5:02.15) and the 3,000 (10.48.6). Also succeeding in multiple events was Jeremy Espino, who took second in the 200 (23.73) and third in the 100 (11.6).

Tim McGaillian threw a personal best measurement of 156-2 feet in the javelin, while Rokeem Osby and Sandra Butler claimed the high jump with marks of 6-8 and 5-6, respectively.

Gipson and company kicked off the long weekend at the Pomina-Pitzer Invitational on Friday. Brent Sims led the way with a 10th place finish in the 400, qualifying himself for the conference with a 48.40 mark.

"That should put him pretty high on the Big Sky list," Gipson said.

Sophomore sprinter Jonathan Davis tallied a 10.96 for sixth place out of 57 participants in the 100. Freshman Shawn Hooper finished 15th in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles (56.58) and Charles Amey took 18th in the 110-meter high hurdles. Former Sac State standout Jimmithee Banks, representing Sacramento Track Club, won the long jump after leaping 23-051/2. He also finished fourth at Mt. Sac, notching a 23-6 1/4 jump.

The Hornet women's team was well represented, with three athletes placing in the top 10. Shanita Bryant spearheaded the small group with a second-place finish in the long jump (19-01 1/4). Renee Warner was fifth in the 100-meter low hurdles, with teammate Myesha Kirtman following close behind at 15.55 for eighth place. Jennifer Burkhalter tied for seventh place in the 400, timing in at 56.28.

Also at the event were Joni David and Stephanie Byrd, who took 20th (12.39) and 32nd (12.57) out of 78 entrants in the 100.

At Long Beach, Davis won his meet in the 100, placing second overall. Sims was second (ninth overall) in his heat in the 400 after running a 49.25 mark. Amey, meanwhile, finished sixth overall in the 110 hurdles (15.29).

Warner won her heat (eighth) in the 110 hurdles (14.88) while Kirtman competed in the 100, where she finished sixth overall (12.60). Sac State's women's 4x100 meter relay team (Byrd, David, Bryant, Kirtman,) outran the field with a time of 46.68.

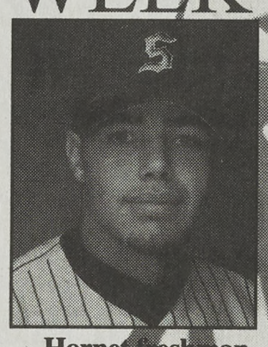
Later on that evening, the team traveled to Hilmer Lodge Memorial Stadium for the Mt. Sac Relays, where Bryant made her presence felt once again in the long jump. She matched the top measurement of 19-9 1/2, but later bowed to USC's Disia Page in the tie breaker, consequently placing her at second.

On Sunday, Bryant took 23rd in the 100 (12.42), while Warner and Kirtman each placed 13th in the 100 (10.72). The women's 4x100 team claimed its second race of the weekend at Mt. Sac, clocking in at 46.43.

"We had a tough weekend and everyone may have been too tired to compete," Gipson said. "But they should be better for it. All in all, it was a productive weekend."

Next up for Sac State is the Cal-Nevada Championships in Irvine.

The State Hornet s
PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Hornet freshman Chris Kinsey picked up his first career win as he shut down the nation's top hitting team, Santa Barbara, in Saturday's 4-2 Sac State victory. Kinsey pitched seven innings, allowing eight hits, three walks, and two runs. He also struck out eight Gauchos.

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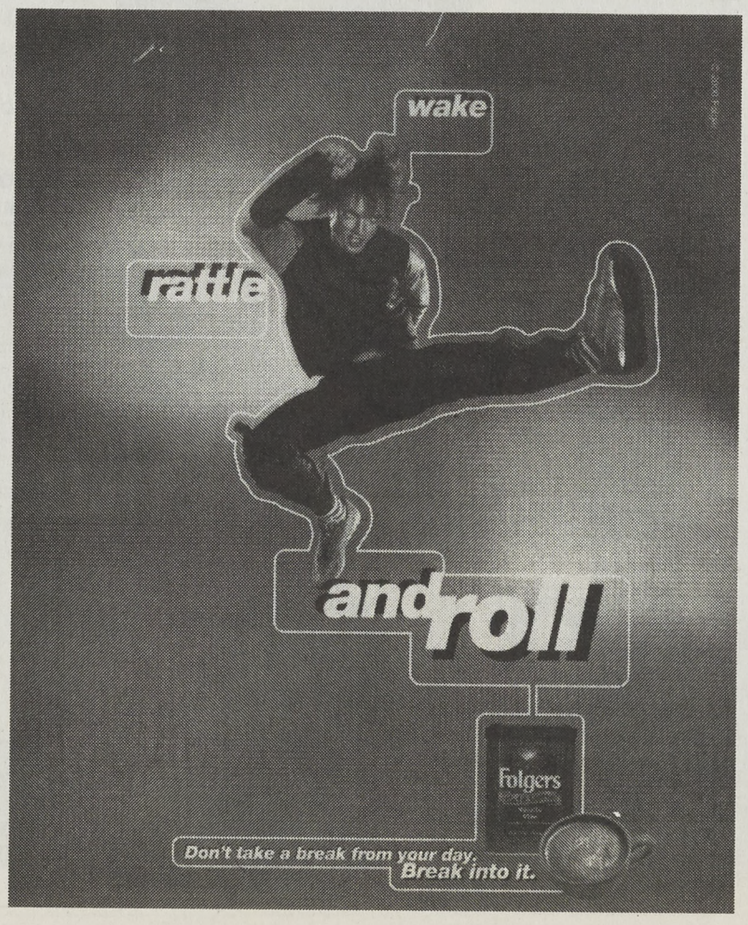
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Softball continues to lose

MITCH ZEHNDER
State Hornet

The Hornets were swept in their three game series at 18th ranked Pacific last weekend. With their latest loss, the Hornets (16-30) have fallen further below the .500 mark than they have ever been since entering Division I play in 1990.

The hits came few and far between for the Hornets as they collected just eight of them in the three game series. The hitting slump has plagued the team throughout the season and in particular the last 11 games, which they have lost nine of.

In the first game, the Hornets were shut out, 1-0. Sophomore Jillian Bivert's scoreless innings streak ended at 20 as Cindy Ball's RBI single in the 7th inning accounted for the only run of the game.

Bivert was excellent in defeat as her coach gave her a glowing report.

"Jillian did a tremendous job but we did not step up in key situations or step up with any big hits," pitching coach Debbie Bilbao said. "Bivert is now 6-11 on the season."

The Hornets got good enough pitching in two of the three games to keep the game close and put themselves in a position to win.

The difference of the series, though, was Ball, whom Bilbao considers an All-American candidate this year, for her expertise on the mound and at the plate.

"She plays a key role and has just been outstanding this season," Bilbao said.

> "We have a great group of kids and sometimes you need to hit a low point, before we're back on top."
>
> Ass. coach Debbie Bilbao

In Saturday's second game, the Hornets were shut out again, this time 5-0. The Hornets could muster only one hit, off the bat of Roni Rodrigues. Freshman Nicole Deatherage took the loss and is now 7-13 on the season. She allowed four hits and five earned runs in six innings of action.

Sac State finally got on the board in the third game when Andrea Becker hit a two-run home run. The blast was the first long ball of her career.

Bivert lost her second game in a row. The bats of the Tigers were red hot in this game as all but two of the Tigers' starting position players had hits.

"They are really hitting the ball and that provides their pitching staff with a lot of confidence," Bilbao said.

The season overall has been a learning experience for the Hornets, especially for their pitching staff, which has often excelled in defeat.

"We've had some tough times but I told them that they have been growing in more ways they can imagine this season," Bilbao said. "We have a great group of kids and sometimes you need to hit a low point, before we're back on top,"

Bilbao also pointed out the performances of a number of players, such as Cathy Coupar and Lori Meixner. She called them leaders that have helped keep the team's morale high through the tough times.

The Hornets will look to rebound against Cal Poly at home this Saturday. The first pitch of the scheduled doubleheader is set for noon Saturday. They also will play at Shea Stadium at noon on Sunday.

Rowing championships Saturday

Women challenge ranked teams; prepare for WIRAC

MARKAM CRUZ
State Hornet

Gearing up for the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships Saturday at Lake Natomas, the Sac State women's varsity eight wanted last weekend's Stanford Invitational to be a challenge.

Racing against nationally ranked Texas and Washington State on a windy day in Redwood Shores provided sufficient opposition to help get the Hornets' crew in shape. Although they were handily defeated in a series of 2000-meter dual regattas, they walked away better prepared for the WIRAC.

"We schedule competition over our heads to improve," Sac State head coach Bill Zack said. "I feel we performed well because we lost to strong programs."

Sac State's overall record dropped to 3-3 with the losses, however, it remains undefeated in league at 3-0.

> "Having the wind at our backs helped our boat speed, but we couldn't catch them at the end."
>
> Head coach Bill Zack

The Hornets opened with a morning race vs. Texas, ranked number18 in the country. With a mild headwind, Sac State stayed close at the start. Then Texas pulled away and finished 14 seconds faster with a time of 6:46. Sac State recorded a time of 7:00, five seconds slower than their typical pace.

"Having the wind at our backs helped our boat speed, but we couldn't catch them at the end," Zack said.

The varsity eight competed against Washington State, ranked 22nd in the nation, in their second race. High winds created whitecaps in the lagoon, which lengthened afternoon race times. Sac State hung tight again early on, but Washington State gradually distanced themselves and finished with a time of 7:39. The Hornets came in at 7:56.

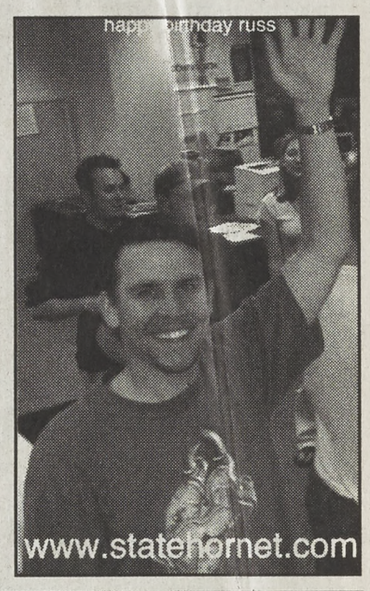
"The first part of the course is protected by trees from the winds," Zack said. "Then you reach the bridge at the halfway point and your boat is exposed to a wind tunnel."

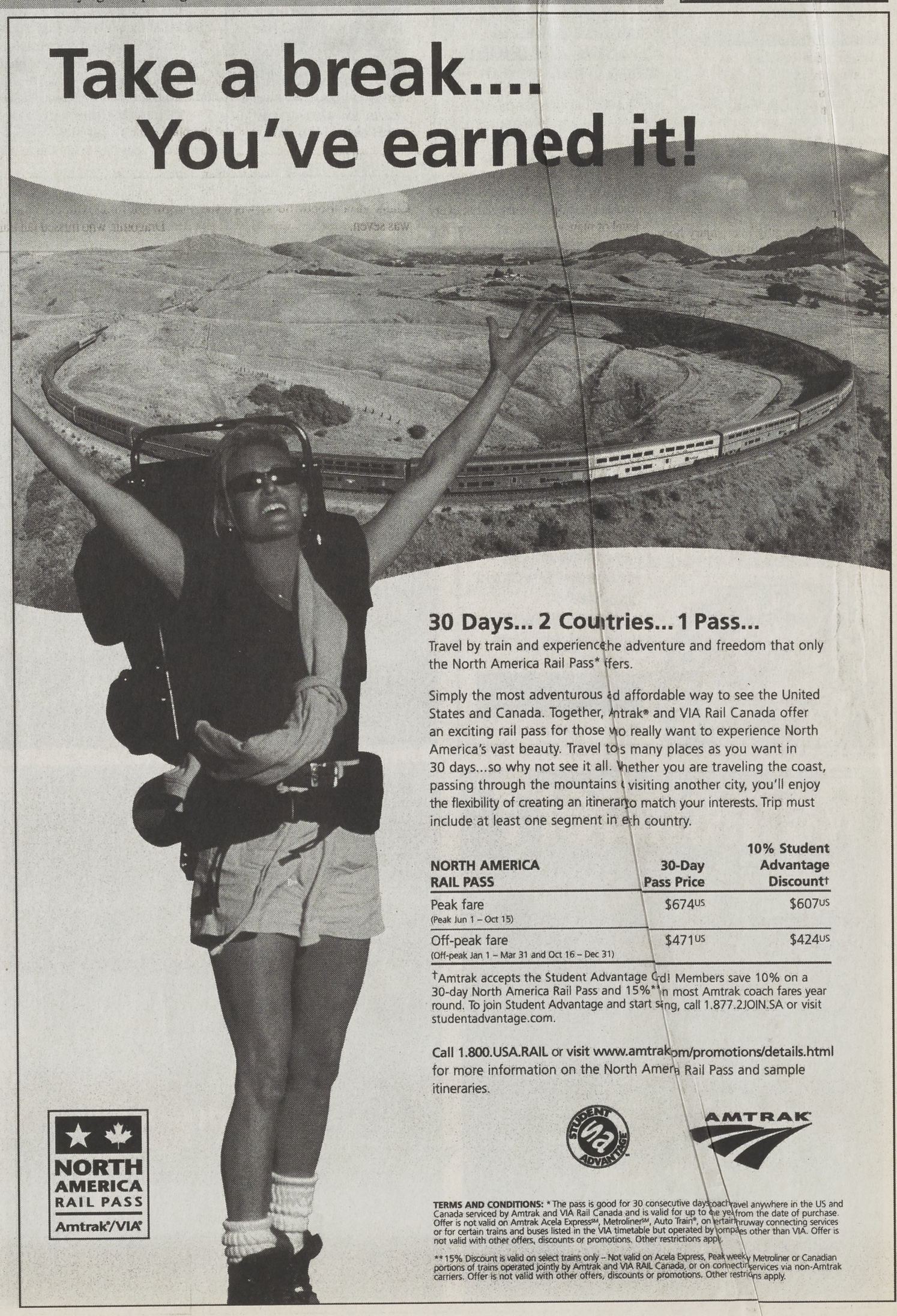
Stanford, Oregon, UC Davis and St. Mary's rounded out the tough field of Invitational competitors.

The varsity eight will spend this week perfecting their strokes for the WIRAC. They plan on improving by racing the men's varsity four crew several times for practice, using a speedometer on their boat for accurate training assessment

As returning champions, the Hornets are one of 24 teams competing in the WIRAC. Six will make the finals.

"I am confident we will be in the top six," Zack said





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COUPAR: Takin' charge

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maturity on the diamond. "I thought I'd be playing soccer in college."

After a soccer match forced Coupar to miss a very pivotal softball game, the then 15-year-old knew a decision and a sacrifice would need to be made. She could no longer handle the burden of two very demanding sports.

"When I was 15, I quit soccer and concentrated on softball," Coupar said. "I stuck to softball year round."

> "I really want to coach. My ultimate goal is to coach at the junior college level. On all the teams I ever played on, I always was a leader."
>
> Cathy Coupar

During her four-year run at Granada High School, Coupar achieved just about every award and accolade a prep softball player could in four varsity seasons. Although she was named All-League four consecutive years and All-County three years running, perhaps her greatest accomplishment was her appointment to the All-State team as a senior.

This year, Sac State's softball team has been mired in an up-and-down season, buried in the center of the Big West pack, but Coupar has been a silver lining for them all year.

After a nagging knee injury hobbled her during her first three seasons, the 2001 Capitol Classic All-Tourney selection has spent this year relocating some of her old habits, blistering pitchers and keeping the defense on its toes.

"Coupar has really come into her own as a ball player," said Hornet head coach Kathy Strahan of her hard-hitting centerfielder, who has emerged as the team leader this season. "Centerfield was a natural fit when we saw her playing confidently."

In fact, the only hang-up for Coupar has been that confidence.

"Softball is so mentally challenging, especially when you suffer a setback like that," Coupar said of the knee surgery that caused her to red-shirt her freshman year. "It was mentally challenging to get (my) skills and (my) confidence back."

Back being the operative word.

Since returning to full form this season, Coupar has enjoyed considerable success at the plate and in the field. Although a recent season slump has knocked her batting average down a little bit, she still ranks second on the team with an average of .290. As of late March, Coupar watched as her batting average of .417 mirrored that of baseball's greatest hitters, and her childhood hero.

"Tony Gwynn is my idol," said the left-hander, who was born in San Diego. "He is the best hitter of all-time. I grew up watching him. He is so amazing to me."

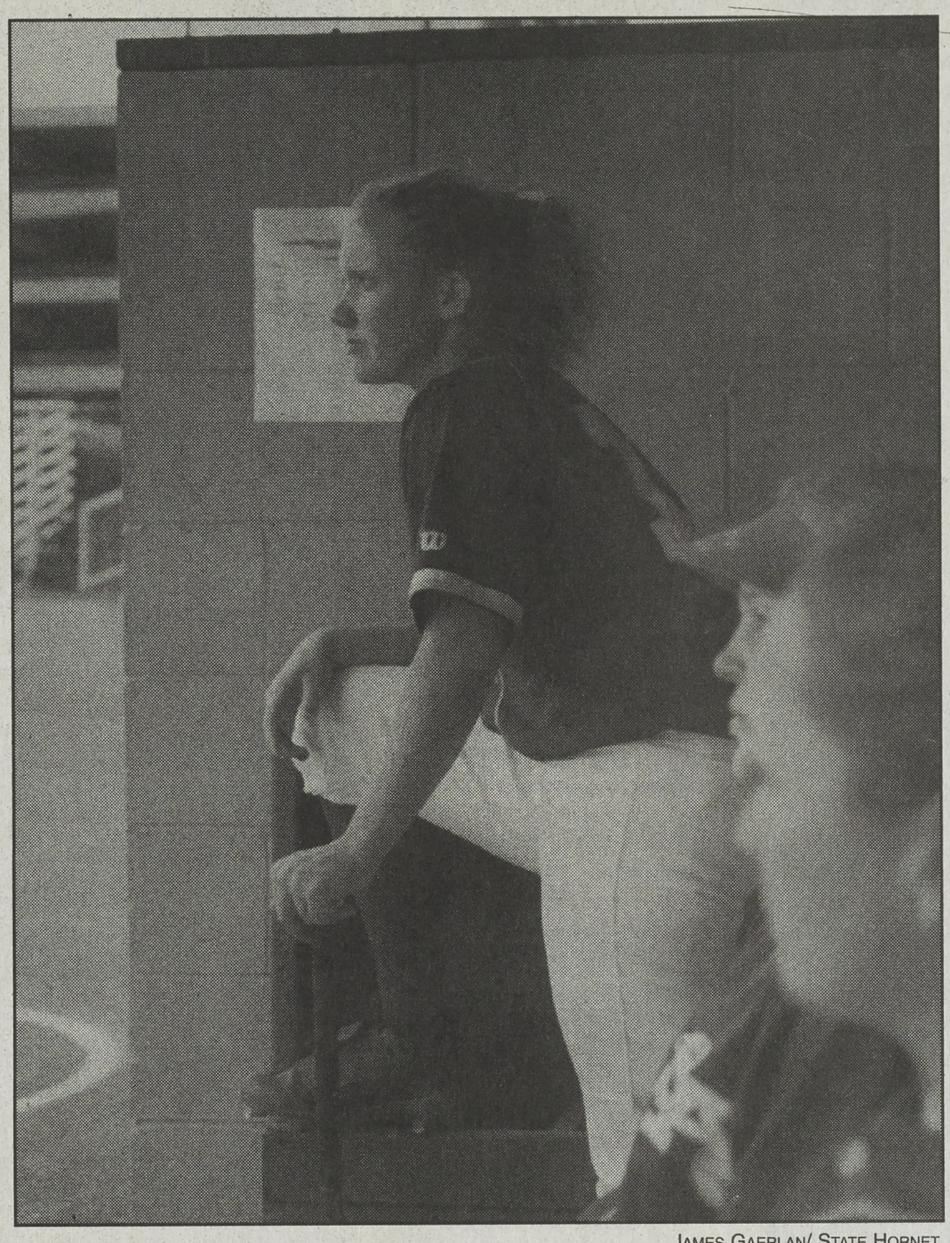
Coupar ranks second on the squad in RBI (40), multi-hit games (11), hits (40) and total bases (44).

Statistics aside, Coupar has also evolved into both a defensive and offensive leader for Strahan's bunch. But, while she'd like to admit that her play earned her that distinction, she realizes that her experience and age were ultimately the deciding factors.

"Andrea (Becker) and I are the oldest on the squad," Coupar said. "When you're the oldest, the responsibility kind of just falls on you.

"Plus, I'm really familiar with the coaches and their strategies," she said. "It's easy for me to help them out. I accept my role, even though it was handed to me."

Don't be fooled by her modesty, however, because Coupar savors her role as leader, just as she has at every level of play.



JAMES GAERLAN/ STATE HORNET

Cathy Coupar waits for her turn at the plate during a recent Sac State game at Shea Stadium.

"On all the teams I ever played on, I always was a leader," said Coupar, who began playing softball with the Chula Vista Bobby Socks when she was seven.

Her experience and leadership have made her very influential to many of her teammates, , especially freshman right fielder Amber Dragomir.

Dragomir, who missed fall training due to her commitment to the women's soccer team, has found guidance and support in Coupar.

"She's a great leader on the field. I was really nervous coming in and she took me under her wing," Dragomir said. "She's always keeping me in the game."

And when it comes time to get it done on the field, Coupar steps it up, and lets her game do the talking.

"She's also a great player," Dragomir said. "She's a big reason for the little success we've had this season."

Although she is prepared to graduate this semester with a degree in kinesiology, Coupar has the opportunity to come back as a fifth-year senior; a prospect that intrigues both Coupar and Strahan.

"I'm so lucky to have another year to achieve what I want to achieve," said Coupar, who feels that she is only beginning to leave a lasting impression on the Hornet program.

"We hope to have her a fifth year," Strahan said. "I'm going to appeal to the NCAA's and jump through those hoops."

While the question of a fifth season with the Hornets remains to be answered, you can bet that softball won't be too far extracted from Coupar's life once she's graduated and moved on. Coupar said that it is her dream to coach softball at the junior college level.

"I really want to get into coaching," Coupar said. "My ultimate goal is to coach at the junior college level.

"The majority of the girls want to continue on, and I want to help the girls at the junior college level make the transition and achieve their goals," Coupar said. "Once you start playing softball at a competitive level, it's every player's dream to play at a Division I school."

Now that she has firmly established herself in the Sacramento area, Coupar plans on making her first coaching endeavors right here, and with four junior colleges: Cosumnes, Sacramento City, American River and Sierra.

Sacramento may be hearing from Coupar for many years to come.

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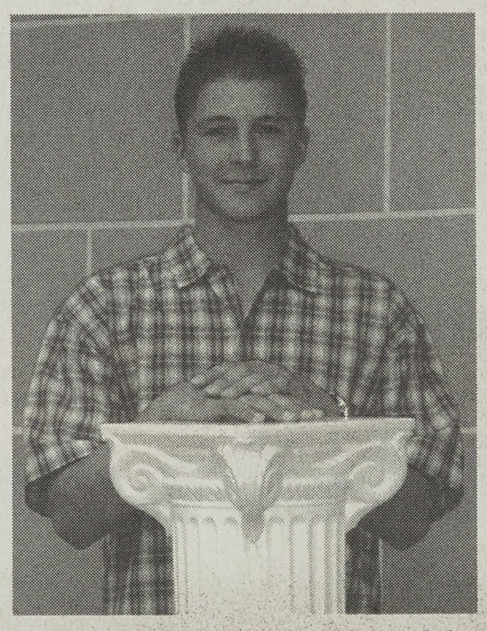
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Zach Spinuzzi
Men's Golf

Freshman Zach Spinuzzi has been selected Hornet Bookstore Student Athlete of the Week. Spinuzzi has been in the lineup for all three men's golf tournaments this spring. His best performance came at the Sacramento State Invitational where he tied for sixth place and helped lead the team to a second-place tie. The Discovery Bay, California, native is majoring in environmental science and has a 4.0 gpa.



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MEN'S TENNIS: End year 20-2

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route to victory. Evers believed this was a good start for the team.

"It took a little bit of pressure off us," Evers said.

In the number one doubles match, junior Sherif Zaher and senior Joseph Gilbert defeated their opponents, 8-4, while the other doubles victory came in the number three match where sophomores Nick Sheehan and Sylvain Iff teamed up to win, 8-3. The number two match did not finish, as the Hornets already won the point.

"It's always big getting the doubles point," Gilbert said. "We (Zaher) have been on fire in doubles as a team."

The Hornets, already ahead 1-0, needed to win only three singles matches, but won four to win, 5-1. The Hornets were able to win the numbers one, three, four and six matches.

Zaher defeated his opponent, 6-1, 7-6. Zaher knew that it was important that he play well because of some teammates being hobbled by injuries.

"We had two players that were injured, so I knew I had to play my best," Zaher said. "It could have come down to my match, so I wanted to win and help the team."

In the number three match, senior Chris Smith beat his opponent, 6-3, 6-4, while Gilbert decimated his opponent, 6-3, 6-0, in the number four match. In the sixth singles spot, senior Kevin Vieira was able to defeat his opponent, 7-5, 6-4. Evers stated that Vieira was not even going to play Sunday because of a foot injury, but kept the senior in and came away with the win.

"He (Vieira) wasn't even going to play," Evers said. "But he guaranteed me he was going to win."

Before Sac State could get into the championship match, the Hornets had to get past Montana State. This seemed to be no problem for the Hornets, as they won, 4-0. Last year, Montana State defeated the Hornets in the conference championships. Evers could still remember that loss, and was ready to play them again.

"I wanted to play them for that reason, but it was not my motivating factor," Evers said. "They are not as strong as they were last year."

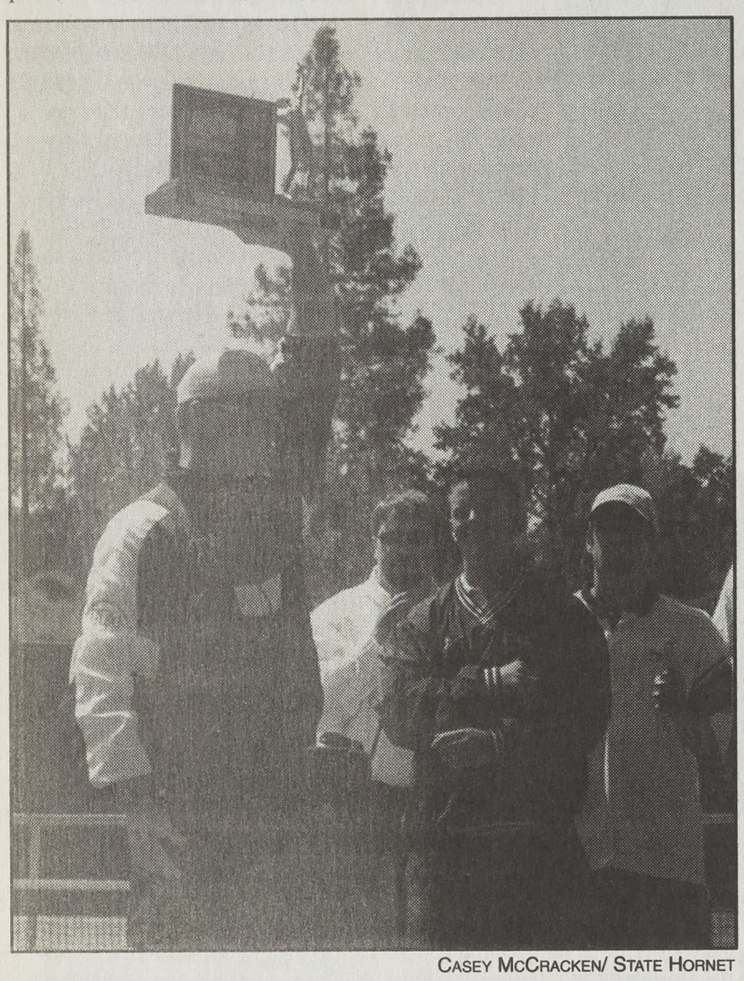
Indeed that proved to be the case, as Sac State got in the win column early, and once again winning the doubles point. The Hornets won the one and three doubles matches. Zaher and Gilbert won, 8-1, and so did the number three team of Iff and Vieira.

In singles play, the production came from the bottom half of the singles competition. The numbers four, five, and six singles players cruised in straight sets, allowing the other matches to cease. Gilbert won, 6-1, 6-2, while Iff won convincingly, 6-1, 6-1. In the last match, Sheehan won, 6-0, 6-2.

By winning the Big Sky Conference, the Hornets claimed an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament May 10 through 12.

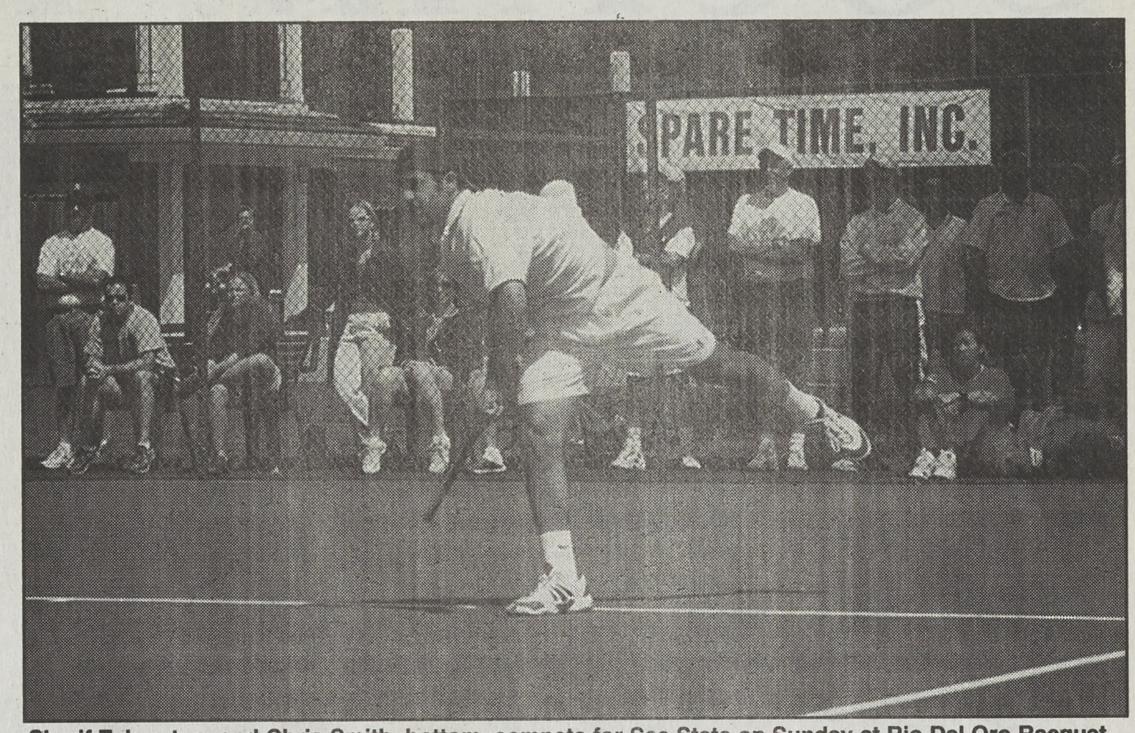
The Hornets will be the underdog in the NCAA, and according to Evers, he wouldn't want it any other way.

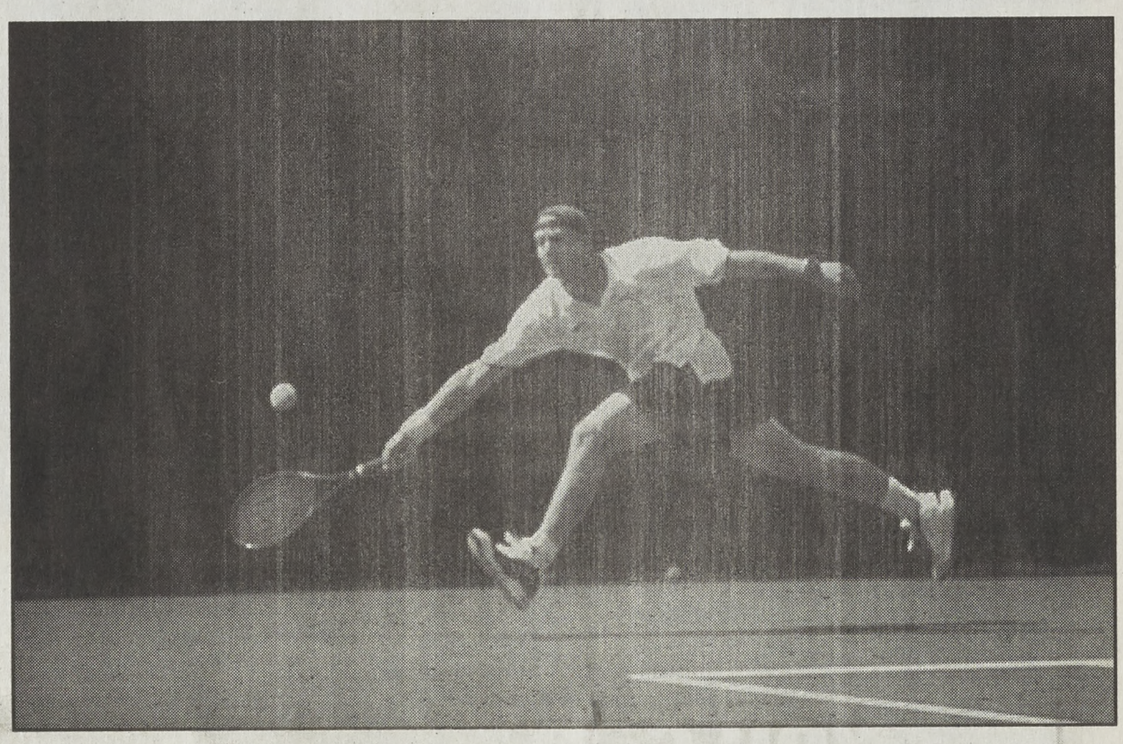
"We have nothing to lose. We will be in the underdog role. There will be no pressure on us."



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Evers holds up Sac State's Big Sky trophy as (from left), a tournament official, assistant coach Jordan Boyls and senior Kevin Vieira look on.





Sharif Zaher, top, and Chris Smith, bottom, compete for Sac State on Sunday at Rio Del Oro Racquet Club.

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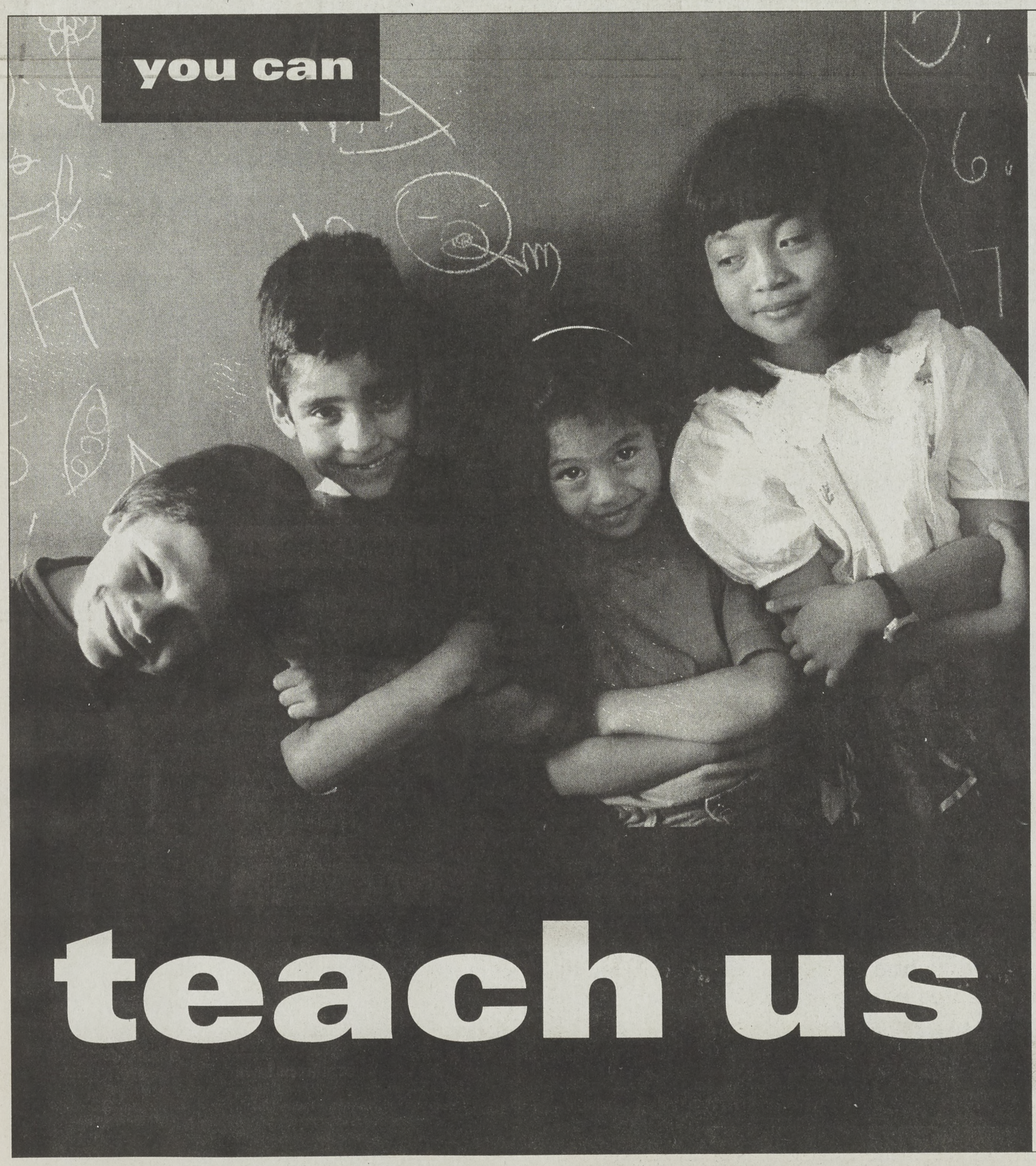
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FOOTBALL: Barton gets bulk of Sac's carries in void left by Charles Roberts

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make is how taking the ball away creates points for the offense," said Volek of the scoring rules in the scrimmage.

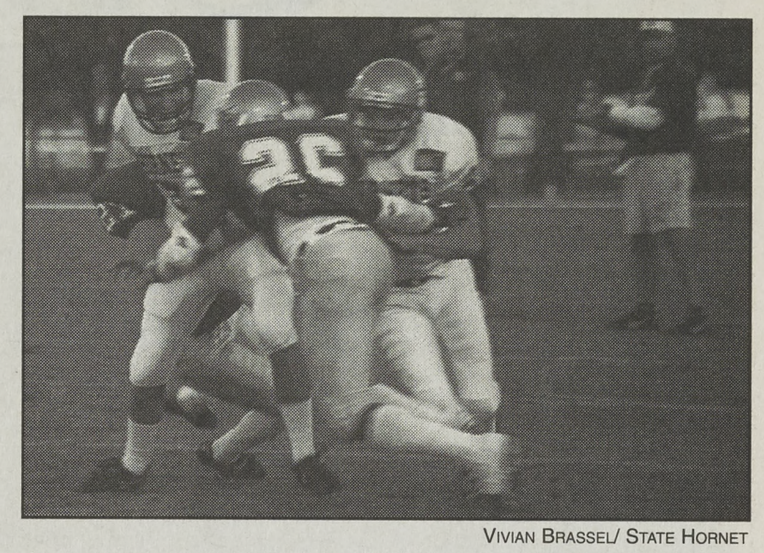
In the game, junior running back Derard Barton got the bulk of the carries, gaining 64 yards on 13 carries and freshman Ryan Leadingham got the most action at quarterback, completing half of his 18 passes, for 139 yards. He also threw one touchdown and an interception.

> "You're never where you want to be. It's a long process."
>
> Head coach John Volek

Volek, whose coaching record at Sac State is 24-41-1, liked what he saw out of his team, but he is still not satisfied. He feels that they have a lot of work to do before the season opens up vs. Saint Mary's on Sept.1.

"I think we really made positive progress," he said. "You're never where you want to be, but now we want to improve from today and keep progressing. It's a long process."

Along with the Saint Mary's game, Sac State will also host Idaho State, Montana, Eastern Washington, UC Davis and Northern Arizona in 2001. The Hornets will travel to Cal Poly, Portland State, Weber State, Montana State and Cal State Northridge.



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